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MINNESOTA

A Concise Record of the Struggles and Achievements of the Early Settlers, together with a narrative of what is now being done by the Swedish-Americans of Minnesota in the development of their Adopted Country.

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CARL R. HOLMEN

Carl Robert Holmen, 412 Nicollet avenue, Minneapolis, is considered one of the best jewelers in the city. He has charge of the store and part of the manufacturing plant of Cohen Bros., whose establishment is one of the finest on the avenue. Mr. Holmen was born in Gothenburg, Sweden, August 19, 1870. His boyhood days were passed in attending school in his native city. In 1882, at the age of twelve years, he came with his mother and other members of the family to America, his father having sailed for this country a short time previously in order to have a home for them when they arrived. They settled at Red Wing, Minnesota, where young Holmen soon hired out to a farmer of Wisconsin, for whom he worked two years. Growing tired of farm work, he returned to Red Wing, where for some time he worked for a painter, and later was employed for nearly a pear in a pottery. About this time an opportunity offered for him to learn the jewelry business with Thomas Gaskell of St. Paul, with whom he spent four years, from 1886 to 1890, and during that time mastered the trade of watchmaker and jeweler. The next five years he was with W. B. Smith, of the Endicott Arcade, St. Paul, after which he engaged in business for himself at Cannon Falls, Minnesota. At the end of two years there he sold out to one of his employes and returned to his former employer, Mr. Smith. For six months Mr. Holmen was manager for Mr. Smith while the latter made a trip South for the benefit of his health. Next we find Mr. Holmen at Farmington, Minnesota, where he opened a jewelry store, which he conducted for a year and a half. This he sold out and came to Minneapolis, where he has since been identified with that line in a most creditable way.

Of Mr. Holmen's family we record that his father, O. A. Peterson, was born in Uddevalla, Sweden, in 1832, and since 1881 has been a resident of America. For more than twenty years he has been an employe of the Union Railway Depot in St. Paul. John A. Holmen, only brother of Mr. Holmen, was born August 28, 1872, in Gothenburg, and is at this writing receiving teller in the St. Paul Savings Bank.

June 6, 1905, Mr. Holmen married Miss Sarah Alida Ljung, who came to this country from Kristinehamn, Sweden. They have two sons: Robert Winston Linné, born May 3, 1906, and John Donald, June 19, 1908. They reside at 3106 Eleventh avenue, South, Minneapolis.

Mr. Holman is an enthusiastic musician, being an organizer of both the Orpheus Singing Societies and a member of the Arpi chorus, in which he sings second tenor.

Carl Ekman.—The able and popular manager of *Svenska Folkets Tidning,* Carl Ekman, is one of the stalwart Swedish-Americans of Minnesota whose strong influence has been felt in the advancement of the business, good politics and high-toned journalism of the state. Until some eighteen years ago his manly life may be said to have been a series of hard struggles in the currents of business, with his head sometimes above, and sometimes below, the waves. He was born in Vexiö, Sweden, on the 25th of October, 1851, the second child in a family of eight sons and one daughter. The size of the family and the limited income of the parents made a thorough education for any of the children an impossibility. Young Carl therefore shared the good fortune of his other brothers in being thrown upon his own resources at an early age. After obtaining a good elementary education he secured a position in a dry goods store of his native town, and was already well advanced in business practice and theory when the Franco-Prussian war ended and Germany's great industrial revival seemed at hand.

Carl Ekman, who shared in the popular belief and expectation, set out for Hamburg, the center of so large a portion of German commerce and trade, and soon secured a position as bookkeeper and Swedish correspondent with a leading wholesale firm of that city. After quickly and thoroughly mastering all the details of the business he was appointed traveling representative for northern Germany, Denmark and Sweden; but although the young man worked night and day, he was not favored with the assistance of the anticipated revival in the general world of business and commerce, and, becoming all but prostrate from overwork, without adequate results, he decided to take the advice of a friend and emigrate to America. In 1879 Mr. Ekman put his determination into effect, arriving in St. Paul the day before Thanksgiving, where he at once secured employment as bookkeeper and later as salesman in a dry goods establishment. Within two years he entered business of his own together with one of his brothers, Henry Ekman, and the dry goods store conducted by them became one of the prominent Swedish business houses in St. Paul. Owing to ill health Mr. Ekman withdrew from the firm in 1884 and moved to Lindstrom, Chisago county, where he established a general merchandise store. By ceaseless labor and economy success again crowned his efforts to obtain financial independence until the day before Christmas eve, 1888, he saw the fruits of his nine years of work and self-denial go up in smoke and flame.

Soon after his apparent disaster Mr. Ekman received an appointment in connection with the Minnesota legislature, and in 1891 became chief clerk to the secretary of state, Colonel Hans Mattson. Two years later he became identified in a responsible position with the *Minnesota Stats Tidning,* St. Paul, and since July 1, 1899, has been general manager of *Svenska Folkets Tidning,* Minneapolis. The decade during which he has controlled the business policy of the latter publication has

been notable for its progress in all departments. Mr. Ekman was appointed director of the Board of State Normal Schools by Governor Johnson in 1908.

Mr. Ekman has been twice married—first, June 20, 1883, to Miss Amanda Wallmark, who died July 20, 1900. On August 27, 1902, he wedded Miss Anna Charlotta Peters, and of the twelve children borne by his two wives ten are living to do him honor. His children are: Irene (Mrs. F. A. Smith), born March 30, 1884; Carl N. F., surveyor Great Northern Railroad, August 2, 1885; Claes T. S., civil engineer, February 22, 1887; Sidney R., clerk, January 1, 1889; Lincoln G., bank clerk, December 16, 1890; Ruth M., December 31, 1892; Roy H. K. A., October 24, 1894; Emma E. S. and Edith E. A., twins, April 7, 1898; and Robert W. C., January 30, 1907.

August Ekman.—Few of the Swedish-Americans of the Twin Cities have enjoyed a more varied and creditable experience in business and finances than August Ekman, of Minneapolis, founder and managing secretary and treasurer of the Pacific Coast and Norway Packing Company. He is also engaged in other business enterprises, and he is a citizen whose successes in private enterprises have always been accompanied by contributions of his means and abilities to the advancement of public charities. Among these may be mentioned the Swedish Hospital and Nurses' Institute, of which he has been treasurer for many years.

August Ekman was born at Vexiö, Småland, September 3, 1866, and is a son of Nils and Brita Katarina Ekman. The father was a prominent musician of the Kronoberg Regimental Band, in which, by long and faithful service, he attained the rank of "musik-fanjunkare" (musical standard bearer). He died at St. Paul, September 15, 1888, at the age of seventy years, and his widow passed away on an Atlantic steamer, August 8, 1899, seventy-one years of age. With her sons, August and Knut, she was returning from a visit to her Swedish home when she was overtaken by death, her body being reverently borne to St. Paul and interred in the Union cemetery beside that of her husband. Mr. and Mrs. Nils Ekman raised a fine family of eight sons and one daughter, of whom five sons and the daughter are still alive. The biography of Carl, the oldest living son, also appears in this history. Next of the survivors comes Henrik, who was born August 2, 1856, and is now a bank clerk in Minneapolis; Edward, born November 10, 1859, is connected with the office of the Board of Directors of Charities in Minneapolis; Emma, born March 16, 1862, is married to Gustaf Nilsson, a cigar manufacturer of St. Paul; and August and Knut are both subjects of biography in this history.

On May 24, 1887, August Ekman graduated from the Collegiate High School of Vexiö with the degree of B. A., and in the following October emigrated with his parents and youngest brother to St. Paul, the sister and other brothers having already located there. He first secured

employment as bookkeeper and teller in the Scandinavian-American Bank of that city, and two years of strenuous labor, with fine results, brought him to the office of A. E. Johnson & Company, the private bankers, with a most enviable reputation. Mr. Ekman remained in their St. Paul office until July, 1890, when he was placed in full charge of their Minneapolis branch. In 1891, when the latter was consolidated with the Washington Bank, he became teller and assistant cashier of the new institution, remaining thus until the failure of the bank in 1896. When the financial crash of the local institutions occurred in that year he was engaged to assist in clearing up the business of the Washington Bank and was employed in that work for about a year. In the spring of 1898 he formed a partnership with O. E. Brecke in the steamship passenger business, under the style of Brecke & Ekman. Although the firm was dissolved in 1902, Mr. Brecke continued the business and Mr. Ekman became a dealer in lands and general real estate. In the previous year the Pacific Coast and Norway Packing Company had been organized, and in 1903 he assumed active charge of it as its secretary and treasurer. As stated, he is now giving his chief attention to its promotion and development. In 1900 Mr. Ekman married Mrs. Christine (Alm) Elsberg, a native of Vermland, Sweden, who was the mother of three children by a former marriage—Emma, William and Ellen. The family resides at 1617 Elliot avenue. A necessary addition to Mr. Ekman's personal record is that he is a Mason in good standing and an active member of the Odin Club.

Knut Ekman, cashier of the new Scandinavian-American National Bank of Minneapolis, of which he was one of the founders, has a remarkably substantial standing in the banking circles of the Northwest, particularly in those upon which depend the financial security of his countrymen. A native of Vexiö, Småland, Sweden, he is a son of Nils and Brita Katarina Ekman and was born October 23, 1870. His father, who was a prominent musician connected with the military service of Sweden, died at St. Paul September 15, 1888, and on August 8, 1899, nearly eleven years afterward, his widowed mother passed away while crossing the ocean on the return from a visit in Sweden, being accompanied by himself and his brother August. Both are interred in the Union cemetery at St. Paul.

As a youth Knut Ekman passed through the first five standards of the Collegiate High School at Vexiö, and then deviated from the plan mapped out for him by spending several years in the study of piano and organ music. In 1887 he accompanied his parents to St. Paul, but after a short stay there went to Lindstrom, Chisago county, Minnesota, where for a year he was employed in the general store of his brother, Carl. Then returning to St. Paul, he secured the position of bookkeeper with the old Scandinavian-American Bank, remaining in that capacity for three years. In December, 1891, he came to Minneapolis to accept a place with the Swedish-American National Bank, where he worked as collector, head

bookkeeper and discount clerk until he went to Texas to assume charge of an 18,000-acre rice plantation operated by the Northern Irrigation Company. Ill health compelled him to relinquish this undertaking after three months, and he then returned to the Swedish-American National Bank as paying teller; in 1908 was promoted to be assistant cashier and was holding that position when the consolidation was effected with the Northwestern National Bank.

As the Swedish-American had sturdily weathered the storms which had laid low so many of the other Minneapolis banks, this consolidation, or rather absorption, aroused both the indignation and the national spirit of the Swedes of Minneapolis, and the proposition to organize a new Scandinavian-American National Bank was received so enthusiastically that within a few months two hundred and fifty thousand dollars was subscribed for that purpose. In the early steps leading to its establishment Knut Ekman was so prominent that he was elected cashier of the new organization, its president being Mr. Werner, who headed the old Swedish-American National Bank. The new bank started under the brightest of auspices, not only with an experienced and substantial management, but with the advantage of its former location, in the heart of the business district on Fourth street, opposite the buildings occupied by the *Minneapolis Tribune* and the *Minneapolis Journal*. The result of such a favorable combination of circumstances has been a steady increase in the deposits and financial influence of the Scandinavian-American National Bank from the opening of its doors to the present. Its energetic and courteous cashier has been always recognized as a large factor in this progress, as he is both an able financier and a very popular man. In musical circles he is widely known, having a fine tenor-baritone voice and enjoyed active membership in various singing societies since 1891. He is a leader in perhaps the most prominent of these organizations, the Arpi Singing Club. Mr. Ekman is also a fourteenth degree Mason, identified with Khurum Lodge, and belongs to the Odin Club. He was married at Los Angeles, California, February 19, 1910, to Miss Frances Stowe, of Minneapolis.

Swan M. Klarquist.—Prominent among the larger contractors for general mason work in Minneapolis is Swan M. Klarquist, whose office is located at No. 10 South Third street. He is a fine representative of the intelligent and thrifty Swedes who have contributed so largely towards the advancement of the industrial and financial prosperity of the city, and is in every respect deserving of the esteem in which he is held as a capable business man and a valued citizen. A native of Sweden, he was born, April 23, 1854, in Långaryd, Småland, on the home farm. His parents, Stephanus and Jennie (Johannesson) Klarquist, had four sons and three daughters, of whom the following named are living: Inga Maria; Christina, wife of Peter Johnson, a farmer in Kandiyohi county; Swan M., of this sketch; John, of Minneapolis, foreman for his brother Swan, married Sara Olson, of this city.

After leaving the public schools of his native town, Swan M. Klarquist was confirmed and then began work for himself, going first to Halmstad, where he was employed as a mason in summer and as a stone cutter in the winter for two years. From 1872 until 1874 he was engaged in railroad work in Denmark, working on bridges for the Northwestern Seeland Railroad Company, the following year working for the same contractor on a railway in Fyen, for his excellent and faithful services being rewarded by his employer with a handsome bonus and a fine letter of recommendation. In 1876 the American fever, which had been troubling him for some time, was brought to a crisis, and Mr. Klarquist sailed for the United States, landing in New York City one bright day. Continuing his itinerary to Illinois, he located in Princeton, where he had friends, and was there employed as a mason for two years. In 1878 he came to Minneapolis, which has since been his home. The first year that he lived there he worked as a journeyman mason, but in 1879 began taking contracts on his own account, and has met with eminent success in this line of industry. In his labors Mr. Klarquist has devoted his attention mostly to public buildings in the state and its cities, and has also done work outside of the state, among others having erected the city hall at Marquette, Michigan. During the past fifteen years Mr. Klarquist has put up seven buildings for the University of Minnesota, and has erected several church buildings, including the Swedish tabernacle, the First Congregational church, the Wesley Methodist church and others, while in 1908 he erected five public school buildings, and the West Side high school building for the city of Minneapolis.

On December 6, 1879, Mr. Klarquist married Christine Edquist, who was born in Vermland, Sweden, and came to this country with her parents when ten years of age. Six children have blessed their union, namely: Sadrak M., born August 21, 1880, is in business with his father; Rachel A., born June 25, 1882; Reuben E., born March 30, 1886, is in the commission business; Effie, born February 15, 1890; Clarice Swanhild, born October 6, 1898; and Dorothy Victoria Abigail, born October 12, 1901. Religiously Mr. Klarquist and his family are valued members of the Swedish Covenant church (the Swedish tabernacle), of which Rev. Mr. Skogsbergh is the pastor. The home of the family, at No. 3732 Nicollet avenue, is pleasant and attractive, and its doors are ever open to many friends and acquaintances.

Elias L. Anderson, secretary of the Crown Iron Works, of Minneapolis, was born at Dassel, Minnesota, July 1, 1869, and is the son of Peter and Carrie Anderson, both from the vicinity of Christianstad, Sweden, whence they came to the United States in 1865. They spent a year in Minneapolis and then removed to Dassel, where they purchased a farm, which they carried on thirteen years and then removed to Lake Elizabeth, Kandiyohi county, where they spent seven years and then removed to Minneapolis. Peter Anderson died in 1897, and his widow

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resides at Spokane, Washington, with a daughter. They were the parents of eight children, five of whom are living.

Elias L. Anderson received his education in the public and high schools of Minneapolis, after which he took a course at Archibald Business College. His first position was as bookkeeper with the Crown Iron Works, in which capacity he worked ten years; in the meantime he had purchased the interest in the business held by Mr. Hernlund, and was elected to the post of secretary and treasurer of the concern. He is a thoroughly enterprising and up-to-date business man, and has mastered the details of the business in which he is engaged. Mr. Anderson is a member of St. Anthony Commercial Club, is one of the Board of Bethel Academy and College Association, of which he has been treasurer since 1906.

Mr. Anderson married, in 1901, Rose Hawkinson, of Minneapolis; her father is a pioneer nurseryman of the state and lives at Lake Minnetonka. Mr. and Mrs. Anderson have two children, Margaret C., born May 10, 1902, and Clifford, born May 11, 1904. They reside at 527 Sixth street, Southeast, and are members of the First Swedish Baptist church, of which Mr. Anderson is trustee.

Claus Otto Peterson, ex-alderman of Minneapolis, present street commissioner and one of the most widely known and honored residents of the southern part of the city, is especially strong with the home working classes, of which he has been an active member and a large employer for many years. He has been a citizen of Minneapolis since 1880, when he came from Sweden as a young man of twenty-four, who had patriotically fulfilled his military duty to his fatherland and was otherwise prepared to take an unimpeded hand in the advancement of his private interests and those of the community which should benefit him. Born in Åker parish, Småland, on the 2nd of February, 1856, he is a son of Peter Jönsson and Kajsa (Johansson) Peterson. His father was a well known farmer of the parish, who died in 1874, at the age of sixty-eight, while his mother, who was born in Öderstuga parish, Småland, in 1813, passed away in 1902.

Claus O., the youngest of the six children born to Mr. and Mrs. Peter J. Peterson, attended the public schools in his native parish until he was fifteen, when he made his home with his oldest sister, who had married and was residing in Byarums parish, Småland. There he remained during his military service and until he came to Minneapolis in 1880. His first six months were spent as a "lumber shover," but in 1881 he obtained employment in the Minneapolis Harvester Works and commenced to advance. He was soon promoted to be shipping clerk and after holding that position for two years decided to learn a trade. Mr. Brunsell, under whom he commenced to learn the trade of plastering in 1883, is still living in Minneapolis. The mastery of this trade occupied Mr. Peterson three years and then he bought his employer's business. He is still actively

engaged in that line, employing about ten men in the carrying out of his contracts, and he is therefore one of the Minneapolis veterans in his field.

Since his arrival in Minneapolis Mr. Peterson has been a resident of the Eleventh ward; two months afterward he got out his "first papers," and has ever since been a Republican voter and worker. He was soon being sent as a delegate to city and county conventions and for many years has been an attendant at all the important gatherings of his party in Minneapolis, having also served as a delegate on all the important committees. In 1898 he was elected alderman from his home ward, serving his full term of four years and then being defeated for reëlection by only nine votes. In 1906 he was appointed to his present office of street commissioner, in which his long experience as a handler of men and his thorough business qualifications are only two of the many strong qualifications which he possesses for the able discharge of his official duties. In regard to his religion, Mr. Peterson has been a member of the Mission Friends' church for the past thirty years; his children are all baptized in that faith also, and the entire family are regular attendants at the Mission tabernacle.

In a final review of Mr. Peterson's immediate family it should be added that his oldest sister, Brita Stina, was married to Anders Johan Sveningson, quite a wealthy farmer of Byarums parish, Sweden, where she now resides as his widow. Anders Johan Peterson, the oldest brother, was a farmer, who died in Sweden in 1908, leaving a family. Stina Kajsa, who was born in 1841, married Swan Johnson, a building contractor of Red Wing, Minnesota, and Johanna, another sister, became Mrs. August Johansson and the mother of several children, the family living in Åkers parish, Sweden. Johannes Vilhelm Peterson, who is married and the father of a family, was educated in an agricultural school of his native country and is now the manager for a large industry at Långsele, Sweden.

Claus Otto Peterson was married, October 8, 1887, to Miss Ida Josefina Anderson, daughter of Johan Peter Anderson, a farmer of Grenna parish, Småland, where she was born March 25, 1858. One of her brothers lives in Sweden; the other, in the United States. The children born to Mr. and Mrs. Claus O. Peterson were: Ellen Katherine, born August 2, 1888, who is a stenographer in Minneapolis and resides at home; Clarence Cyrus, born October 23, 1890, who is a student at the state university; Harriet Irene, born April 29, 1893, attending the Minneapolis high school; and William Richard, a public school pupil. The family residence is at 2708 East Twenty-second street, this fine home being erected by Mr. Peterson in 1890.

Johannes Otto Peterson, well-known pharmacist, Minneapolis, born at Edh Woxtorp, Småland, Sweden, August 29, 1864, is a son of Peter and Martha (Johannesson) Anderson. They lived on a farm and were the parents of eight children, the oldest of whom was Gustafva.

Gustafva Peterson married (first) John Danielson, and they had four children, two daughters and two sons; two sons and one daughter became pharmacists and the remaining daughter married a hotelkeeper of North Dakota. After the death of her husband Mrs. Danielson married J. C. Dahl, a merchant of Spring Lake, Minnesota. Johan Gustaf, the second child of Peter and Martha Anderson, has taken the old homestead in Sweden; Anna, the third child, married John Dahl, a farmer of Chisago county, Minnesota; the next, Mathilda, married S. G. Johnson, also a farmer of Chisago county; Anders Peter is a farmer in Isanti county, Minnesota; Johannes Otto is the sixth child; Elis, the seventh child, married John P. Leaf, of Pine River, Minnesota; and the youngest, Frank William, is proprietor of the drug store in the Andrus Building, Minneapolis.

J. O. Peterson received his early education in the public schools of his native land, and was confirmed in the Lutheran church. In 1880, when he was fifteen years of age, he emigrated to the United States and located at Prophetstown, Illinois, where for about six months he worked at various things as he found an opening. He secured employment in the drug store of Dr. R. E. Barnes, who subsequently removed to Orion, Illinois, Mr. Peterson going with him. He worked for Dr. Barnes a few years, meanwhile attending the public and high school of that town as opportunity offered. In the spring of 1884 Dr. Barnes sold his interest and Mr. Peterson then removed to Minneapolis, where four years later he graduated from the Minnesota Institute of Pharmacy. Soon after he opened a drug store on his own account, at Seven Corners; beginning on a small scale, he has increased his business as time went on, and at present is proprietor of one of the largest stores in this line kept by a Scandinavian in the state. His integrity and probity are well known, and he has a large circle of friends. He has taken thirty-two degrees in Masonry, being a Shriner, and is also affiliated with several other societies. He and his family attend St. John's Lutheran church. In 1900 Mr. Peterson sent for his parents and purchased for them a home at Spring Lake, Minnesota, where his mother still resides; his father died in 1904.

Mr. Peterson married, in 1889, Mary Anderson, who was born at Wislanda, Sweden, November 11, 1865, and came to Minneapolis in childhood. They are parents of nine children, namely: Hugo, born January 15, 1890, expects to become an analytical chemist, has passed examination for assistant pharmacist, and is now studying this branch at the University of Minnesota; Rudolph Washington, born July 4, 1892; Verner, born June 3, 1894, and Helen, Edna, James Otis, Paul, Irene and Kenneth. Mr. Peterson's drug store is located at 1501-3 Washington avenue, South, on very valuable property, owned by him, and his residence is 1921 Elliott avenue.

Charles A. Peterson, of the firm of Peterson & Larson, grocers, was born January 1, 1866, in Sweden, and is a son of Peter Johnson.

Peter Johnson was a farmer in early life, and having met with financial reverses, devoted the latter part of his life to the making and repairing of shoes; he died about 1889.

His son, Charles A. Peterson, received his education in the public schools of Sweden, after which he worked on a farm until 1889, at which time he emigrated to the United States. He first located at Minneapolis, working at various things as opportunity offered, for about seven years. In 1897 Mr. Peterson engaged in the creamery and grocery business at 926 East Twenty-fourth street, and conducted same successfully for five years and then sold out. For about a year he was out of business, and then engaged in the creamery business at 813 East Twenty-eighth street, and for seven years successfully did business at this stand. He then located at 2845 Chicago avenue, in partnership with John Larson, in the grocery business, and under the firm name of Peterson & Larson they met with a very fair degree of success. Their store has modern equipments, and their shelves are well stocked with an attractive line of goods. They have an increasing patronage, and an established reputation for fair dealing. Mr. Peterson is a member of the Free Mission church. He is an enterprising and valuable citizen, and takes a keen interest in the progress and well-being of the city.

Mr. Peterson married, July 25, 1891, Clara M. Carlson, who was born and educated in Sweden, and to them have been born seven children, namely: Treckler L., Esther M., Carl A., Arthur N., Alvira M., William Theodore P., and Margaret, who died at the age of eighteen months.

Charles August Anderson.—A larger proportion, doubtless, of the enterprising and progressive business men of foreign birth in Minneapolis have come from Sweden than from any other European country, and noteworthy among this number is Charles August Anderson, the well-known house mover, who has been continuously employed in this business, which requires ability and good judgment, for the past twenty-six years. He was born, November 7, 1852, in Hafby, Vestergötland, a son of Anders and Katarina (Johanson) Carlson, who reared six children, namely: Ida Maria, died in 1889; Charles August, the special subject of this brief biographical review; Lars Johan, a carpenter in Minneapolis; Christina Ingeborg, living in Sweden; Anna Sigrid, wife of Mr. Landquist, who has charge of the old homestead, in Sweden; and Frank Noah, who has been employed in the Minneapolis Fire Department.

Having completed his early education in the public schools, Charles August Anderson, complying with the laws of his country, was confirmed in the Lutheran church, after which he was well trained in the many branches of agriculture on the home farm. On becoming of age he served two terms in the Swedish army, and then, in 1882, bade goodbye to his friends and country, and came to Sibley county, Minnesota, where he worked for a while, either on a railroad or a farm, finally going

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to the Dalrymple farm in North Dakota, on which he worked through one harvesting season. Coming to Minneapolis in the fall of 1882, he has since made this city his home, and in the management of his business as a house mover, which he has carried on since 1883, he has met with genuine success. His services have been in such wide and constant demand that it would be impossible for him to enumerate the numbers of buildings which he has moved, but at the present writing, in the summer of 1909, he is filling a large contract as house mover in Rochester, Minnesota.

Thrifty and industrious, Mr. Anderson has accumulated considerable wealth, and is the owner of two valuable residential properties at numbers 1606 and 1608 Eighth street, South. He is not married.

Olof Julius Veline, M. D.—One of the foremost specialists in diseases of the stomach and nervous diseases, Dr. Olof J. Veline, of Minneapolis, has achieved a high standing in the medical profession of the Northwest. Neither has such substantial success been reached by mere intellectual efforts, however strenuous and wisely directed, but his progress has involved physical exertions and hardships of the most trying and forbidding nature—difficulties which to surmount have required real bravery and manly stamina.

The doctor was born in Kylen, Wisseltofta parish, Skåne, Sweden, in the year 1868, receiving his earlier education in the common schools of that locality and through the instruction of Rev. Tretow, pastor of the parish. Realizing that his parents could not afford to give him the education which he craved and which would satisfy his ambition, in 1881, when only thirteen years of age, the manly boy emigrated to Germany, determined to earn the money which should allow him to master the branches of higher learning. At first he worked on a dairy farm; then obtained employment in a Mecklenburg hotel and still later became connected with a mercantile house in the city of Bremen. Here it was that young Veline worked, studied and developed into energetic, earnest and studious manhood. The last named trait attracted the attention of the old and eccentric professor and scholar, Dr. Steinhoff, who volunteered to give him instruction in English during the early morning hours. At this stage of his strenuous preparatory period his daily routine was as follows: Before 6 o'clock a. m., sweeping out of the store; 6-7 a. m., instruction in English at Professor Steinhoff's house; 7 a. m.-8 p. m., clerical duties; and from 8 o'clock to 10 p. m. night school, with an additional course of private study in his little attic room. Thus, at the age of eighteen he had not only acquired a good elementary education in English and German, but in Latin and French. In 1886, during his stay in Bremen, Germany, Dr. Veline at the risk of his own life swam out in the river Weser and saved a young boy from drowning. For this deed Dr. Veline was accorded the German gold medal for life saving.

In 1887 the future physician located at Stillwater, Minnesota, attending the city high school, teaching classes in German and working at a

hotel; and this incessant combination of hard work and earnest mental application he continued throughout his college days, when he took up the study of medicine at the University of Minnesota. Notwithstanding his constitution was such that he was noteworthy for his physical strength and was therefore made sergeant-at-arms of his class, while on the strength of his pen he was elected chief editor of the medical department of the college monthly, *The Oracle*. After graduating with honors from the College of Physicians and Surgeons, in 1897, Dr. Veline located at Kerkhoven, Minnesota, where he established a fine general practice, and in 1898 was appointed surgeon to the Great Northern Railway. At the convention of the Supreme Lodge of the Swedish United Sons of America, held at Calumet, Michigan, in 1904, he was elected head physician of the order, and has since been reëlected four times. He is also medical examiner for the Modern Brotherhood of America, Independent Scandinavian Workmen, German Lutheran Aid Association, the Svithiod, Vasa Orden, and M. W. A. The years 1900 and 1901 Dr. Veline spent in post-graduate studies in Europe, specializing in diseases of the stomach and nervous diseases, and has since achieved marked success in the treatment of these great American maladies. In 1908 the doctor married Miss Hazel Lorene Niedercorn, the talented daughter of M. W. Niedercorn, former mayor of Farmington.

Axel R. Brostrom, an expert accountant of Minneapolis, is of a fine Swedish family, whose representatives, both maternal and paternal, have rendered the fatherland faithful military service. He was born in Jönköping, Småland, on the 17th of June, 1871, his father, who died in 1889, being long stationed there as colonel of the Vestgöta-Dal regiment of infantry. His mother, who died in March, 1908, was the daughter of Captain Richter, of Vendes Artillery.

Axel, the only child of the family, received his earliest education in the public schools of his native city, and was later sent to the University of the city of Lund, from whose collegiate department he graduated in 1889. Soon afterward, he emigrated to America, arriving in Boston during 1890. The year of his residence at the Hub was not altogether congenial, as it was spent working as a factory hand, and he also longed for more extended association with his countrymen than he could enjoy in the eastern city. Minneapolis appealed to him in every point, and he therefore settled there in 1891. It has since been a home to him in the full sense of the word, and through the clerical positions which he has held in various banks and mercantile establishments he has become an accountant of recognized expertness. At present he is employed as bookkeeper in the Minneapolis branch of the Jung Brewing Company, of Milwaukee.

In 1898 Mr. Brostrom married, in Minneapolis, Miss Ida Borglin, who is a native of Lund, Sweden, where the husband received his univer-

sity education. The children of this union are Violet, born in 1899, and Marjory, born in 1901.

CHARLES FJELLMAN, for nearly three decades a resident of Minneapolis, Minnesota, dates his birth in Färgelanda parish, Dalsland, Sweden, in December, 1861. He is one of the eight children born to Peter and Eva Fjellman, and one of the three of that number now living. One brother, Edward, is a resident of Connecticut, and the other brother, John, lives in Minneapolis.

Charles received his education in the public schools of his native land, and was confirmed there in the Lutheran church, and when a youth in his teens found employment as clerk in general merchandise stores, being thus occupied until 1880, when he emigrated to America. After stopping for a brief time in Connecticut, he came west to Michigan, and in the latter part of that same year took up his abode in Minneapolis. Here he worked at various occupations, including railroading, until 1883, when he engaged in business for himself.

In 1898, Mr. Fjellman entered into a partnership with Mr. Alfred Olson, which continued until the death of Mr. Olson, October 23, 1908, when Mr. Fjellman, according to an earlier agreement, became sole proprietor of the whole business, at a fixed figure.

July 13, 1887, Mr. Fjellman married Miss Minnie Peterson, who was born in Kallestad, Småland, October 12, 1863. They have had four children, of whom three are living, namely: Philip Carl, born October 26, 1890; Reuben Columbus, June 11, 1893; and Ruth Verney, February 24, 1896. The eldest is a graduate of the Minneapolis High School and at this writing is a student in the University of Minnesota. The family reside at 2020 Chicago avenue, and are members of St. John's English Lutheran church. Fraternally, Mr. Fjellman is identified with the Swedish Brothers and the Knights of Pythias.

DAVID EKBERG.—Numbered among the thriving and prosperous members of the Swedish-Americans of Minneapolis is David Ekberg, who is actively identified with the industrial interests of the city as one of its most skilful and busy blacksmiths. He was born, April 27, 1870, in Karlskoga parish, Vermland, Sweden, being one of the seven children born to Lars Johan and Maria Katarina Ekberg, life-long residents of that country. Six of the children of the parental household are still living, as follows: Josephine, wife of Carl Bjorndahl, of Karlskoga; Carl Johan, a blacksmith in the State Railway shops at Örebro, Sweden; Dorothea, wife of Abraham W. Sjöman, a machinist at Bofors, Vermland; Elias, a machinist in Carlsborg, Sweden; David, the special subject of this sketch; and Isak Andreas, a blacksmith, living on the parental homestead.

Having completed the course of study in the public schools, and been confirmed in the Lutheran church, David Ekberg learned the blacksmith's trade in his father's shop, and continued working there until 1891. Enter-

prising and ambitious, he then bade farewell to his family and friends, and emigrated to this country, locating immediately in Minneapolis. For a number of years thereafter, he worked at his trade for various firms, displaying much skill and ability. In 1902 Mr. Ekberg, in company with one of his countrymen, Mr. Anquist, bought out Mr. Joseph Guy, and has since carried on a large and lucrative business, the firm being among the leading blacksmiths of Minneapolis. Mr. Ekberg has been prosperous financially, and several years ago visited his old home in Sweden.

Mr. Ekberg married, in 1892, Ida Sophia Josephson, who was born, April 10, 1870, in Karlskoga, Sweden, on a farm, and came to this country in 1889. Her parents are still living in their native land. The union of Mr. and Mrs. Ekberg has been brightened by the birth of five children, namely: Lillie Sophia, born May 15, 1893; David Einar, born November 4, 1894; Burt Elias, born November 23, 1896; Gustaf Antonio, born August 25, 1898; and Harold, born May 6, 1900. The family are all members of the Swedish Mission church at Camden place, and reside at No. 4027 Girard avenue, North. Mr. Ekberg is a gifted musician, and, notwithstanding that he has labored as a smithy so many years, his hands are sufficiently soft and pliable to draw sweetest music from the piano and organ, his touch being delicate and strong, and he is also a fine singer, having a rich baritone voice, which it is a delight to hear. He has for a long time been a trustee of the church, and for five or more years was organist and choir leader.

Peter Paulson, a well-known railroad contractor of Minneapolis, was born in Barsebäck, Malmahus län, Sweden, May 28, 1859, his parents being Paul and Inga (Anderson) Olson. They were the parents of seven children, of whom five are still living, namely: Paul, Nils and Andrew, each owning a farm in Sweden; and Harry (Hans) and Peter in America.

Mr. Paulson received his education in the public schools of his native parish and was confirmed in the Lutheran church. Since attaining the age of sixteen years he has done the work of a man, for some time working hard on his father's farm, which he had to manage, as his father died when he was a small boy. In 1880 he decided to find a broader field and wider opportunities for his activities, and emigrated to the United States, reaching Minneapolis during the first week of November.

The first work undertaken in Minneapolis by Mr. Paulson was that of a laborer on a railroad, and with the exception of six weeks spent on a farm, he has since that time been constantly connected with railroad work. About the time he had been two or three years in this country, being of an energetic and ambitious nature, Mr. Paulson began taking small contracts in railroad work, gradually gaining experience, as well as reputation in this line, and becoming able to take constantly increasing jobs. As his business grew larger than he could handle alone to advantage, he took as partner P. Lindquist, and the firm name became Paulson & Lindquist; in 1890 Mr. Lindquist withdrew from the firm

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and Mr. Paulson then took John Larson into the business as partner. In 1906 they took into partnership with them John A. Johnson, then taking the firm name of Paulson, Larson & Company. They do a large business in general railroad contracting work, mostly in the past for Chicago & Northwestern Railroad Company during the last sixteen years, although they have received large contracts for other companies; their last contract in 1908 was for building an extension of the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railroad in the vicinity of Gleason, Wisconsin. The enterprise has been very successful, as all members of the firm are well informed along the line of their endeavors, and take keen interest in the faithful fulfillment of the work undertaken by them.

During the winter of 1888-9 Mr. Paulson visited his native country. His father having died when he was but eight years old, he early had to look out for his own interests, and as he has himself remarked, he has "worked hard all his lifetime in order to get his present home," which he may well be proud of, as it is modern, comfortable and attractive in every respect; it is located at 1622 Park street, South. The family attends the St. John's Lutheran church, where they are members.

Mr. Paulson married Desirée Evrard, of French parentage, born in Waukesha, Wisconsin, and to them have been born two daughters, Clothilde Ethel, born January 1, 1891, and Amy Eulalia, born February 19, 1894; both attending the Central High School and studying music.

Carl August Swenson, D. D. S., 2628 East Twenty-fifth street, Minneapolis, is of Swedish birth, but has been a resident of this country since he was a year and a half old. Dr. Swenson was born in Langasjö, Småland, December 26, 1869, son of Carl Johan Swenson and his wife, Johanna, daughter of Israel Peterson. The grandfather on the paternal side was Sven Jonasson, and the grandmother on the same side was Gustafva Nöjd. Dr. Swenson's maternal grandmother was Ingrid Jonasdotter, she being a representative of a family that figured among the first Swedish separatists, the founders of a sect called Åkianer, and its teachings Åkianism. In those days the State church of Sweden, which is Lutheran, was very intolerant and persecuted people of different faith living within the boundaries of that country. Dr. Swenson's parents came with their family to America in 1871, settling first at Scandia, Minnesota, where they remained one year, and from whence the father went to Apple River, Wisconsin, and took a homestead. Both he and his good wife are still living, now being residents of Polk county, Wisconsin. Seven of their eight children are living, namely: Ida, widow of John Swenson; John Adolph, a farmer of Amery, Wisconsin; Hilda Gustafva, wife of Gustof Johnson, a farmer of Wood Lake, Wisconsin; Elias Edward, who died at the age of fourteen years; Carl August, whose name introduces this sketch; Stany Seraphia, wife of Andrew M. Johnson, a farmer at Hines, Douglas county, Wisconsin; Peter Hjalmar, a farmer at Amery, Wisconsin; and Emilia Sophia, wife of Carl P.

Johnson, who lives on the old homestead, a distance of eight miles from Amery.

As already mentioned, Carl A. Swenson landed in this country at the age of one and one-half years. He attended the district school near his father's home, and from his sixteenth year has worked his own way in the world. At an early age he had acquired sufficient education to receive an appointment as school teacher, and he taught school in winter and worked on a farm in summer until he attained his twenty-second year. In the fall of 1891 he entered Gustavus Adolphus College at St. Peter, where he pursued the classical course, and graduated in 1897 with the degree of A. B. The next four years he taught school in Minnesota. In the fall of 1901 he matriculated in the Dental Department of the State University of Minnesota, from which he graduated in the spring of 1904. That same year he opened a dental office at 2628 East Twenty-fifth street, his present location, where he has established a successful practice. In 1907 he paid a visit to the land of his nativity, on this trip also visiting England, Denmark, Germany, Belgium and France.

Fraternally, Dr. Swenson is identified with the Scandinavian Dental Society and the State Dental Society, and in his religious belief he harmonizes with the church from which his ancestors separated. He is a member of the Swedish Lutheran Ebenezer church.

John August Larson.—A prominent railroad contractor of Minneapolis, was born in Påarp, Vestra Karup, Skåne, Sweden, May 12, 1857, and is a son of Lars and Petronella (Svenson) Anderson. They were the parents of eight children, of whom seven survive, namely: John August, the eldest; Paulus, living on the old homestead; Emma, married Janne Paulson, a farmer; Amanda, married Alfred Olson, generally known in Minneapolis as "Stockholm Olson," who died October 23, 1908; Anton lives in California; Ida, married John Olson, a farmer in Santa Clara Valley, California; and Patrik, a plumber in Minneapolis.

Mr. Larson received his education in the public schools of his native parish, and was confirmed in the Lutheran church. He came to the United States in 1872, settling in Chicago, where he worked as teamster and street-car driver, and then went to work on the railroad, with which business he has ever since been connected. He removed to Minneapolis in 1878, and there worked on railroads; in 1883 he began taking small contracts on his own account, building roads in Canada, which he continued four years. Returning to Minneapolis in 1890, he took Peter Paulson as partner, and they continued in the contracting business. The partnership is still in effect, and they have worked mostly for the Chicago & Northwestern road and the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul. Mr. Larson has attained a very fair degree of success in the enterprise he has undertaken, and by his industry and reliability has secured a good reputation among those with whom he has been associated.

June 9, 1897, Mr. Larson married Emma Augusta Hellman, daughter of August Hellman; she was born in Elghult, Småland, Sweden, and died May 1, 1903. They had one son, Lars Reuben, born August 23, 1899, who is a boy of great promise, now attending school. With his son Mr. Larson resides at 1819 Tenth avenue, South, and they attend St. John's English Lutheran church.

Andrew L. Lindstrom is a contractor for interior decorating and paper hanging, and he is one of the best known members of that vocation in Minneapolis. He learned his trade at Karlstad, Sweden, and afterward, from 1882 until 1887, he worked for different firms in Stockholm. On emigrating to the United States in 1887 he located in Minneapolis, Minnesota, and has since resided in this city, a well known and influential business man.

Mr. Lindstrom was born on September 16, 1866, in Bög, Fagerbäcks parish, Sweden, a son of Lars and Christina (Nilson) Anderson. The father, born on the 31st of July, 1831, died on the 15th of April, 1879, and the mother, born December 1, 1842, is yet living. Their family numbered five children: Andrew; Catarina, born in 1868; David, born in 1875; Gustaf, born in 1877; and Maria, born in 1878.

Andrew L. Lindstrom married Cedra Maria Carlson, born in Fallerum, Östergötland, Sweden, in 1872, a daughter of Carl J. and Ingred Carlson, of the same place. Three children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Lindstrom: Carl David, born October 11, 1907; Ingred Astrid Viola, born October 5, 1908; and Ernest Willard, born January 21, 1909. Mr. Lindstrom is a member of several fraternal societies, in all of which he has held positions of trust and confidence. He has a home at beautiful Lake Amelia.

Johan Axel Wallin, an organist and music teacher of Minneapolis, was born August 10, 1874, at Lennäs parish, Nerike, Sweden. His father, Johan Fredrik Wallin, was born June 13, 1842, in Öja parish, Södermanland; he served as parish teacher and organist thirty-one and a half years, and twenty-three years as postmaster at Lennäs, and then resigned, with a pension. In 1885 he took a position as book-keeper in Lennäs Savings Bank, which he still holds. He was married, in 1868, to Anna Gustafva Engelina Rosenquist, and their children are: Anna, born in 1869, a music teacher in Philadelphia; Carl, born in 1870, living in Sweden; Elin, born in 1872, is a teacher in Gothenberg, Sweden; Johan Axel; Richard, born in 1876, succeeded his father as teacher and organist in Lennäs; Fred, born in 1878, is manager of the Koberg Estate, in Småland; Astrid, born in 1880, a teacher in Sweden; Hjalmer, born in 1882, at home with his parents; and Signe, born in 1891, also living at home.

Johan Axel Wallin attended the public schools and studied music with his father until 1891, when he emigrated to the United States. He remained three years in Rockford, Illinois, earning a livelihood at different

kinds of employment and studying music. In 1894 he went to Knox College, at Galesburg, where for two and one-half years he took an academic and musical course.

In 1896 Mr. Wallin came to Minneapolis, where he has since been successfully employed in teaching music and as church organist. The first year he served as organist in the Swedish Mission church in Northeast Minneapolis, and a year later was appointed organist in the large Swedish Lutheran Emanuel church, which post he still fills. He has earned an enviable reputation as organist, and has a fine patronage besides, having some sixty pupils in music. He is a member of the Ancient Order of United Workmen, and of the Swedish Lutheran Emanuel church. He resides with his family at 1318 Madison street, Northeast, where he has purchased a comfortable home.

Mr. Wallin was married, in 1899, to Charlotta Wahlquist, born in 1879 in Sweden, and daughter of Claes Wahlquist, now a farmer in Nickerson, Minnesota. To this union five children have been born, namely: George, born April 26, 1900; Genevieve, born July 8, 1902; Margaritte, November 1, 1904; Stanley, October 27, 1906; and Quentin, July 2, 1908. Mr. Wallin is well known outside of his professional duties, and has a large circle of friends. He is considered a public-spirited, representative citizen of Minneapolis.

Gustaf A. Blixt, with Smith & Wyman Manufacturing Company, of Minneapolis, was born June 29, 1853, in Gunnarskog, Vermland, Sweden, and is a son of Anders and Maria (Björn) Blixt, both deceased. Anders Blixt was a sergeant with Vermland's infantry regiment, and died in 1865; his wife was a daughter of Anders Björn, of Gunnarskog, and died at the age of forty-nine years. Of their ten children four survive, namely: Andrew, born in 1842, a farmer at Dalbo, Isanti county, Minnesota; Christine, born in 1841, housekeeper for the Spreckels family, of sugar fame, having been with them since 1888; Magnus, born in 1851, has charge of the packing department of Smith & Wyman Manufacturing Company; and Gustaf A.

Gustaf A. Blixt received his education in the public school and spent a short time in college at Arvika. In 1870 he emigrated to America, going directly to St. Paul, where he was received by his two sisters, Christine and Martha, the latter now deceased. He was first employed by Dr. Coe Glazing & Glass Cutting Company, for which firm he worked three summers and learned the trade. He went to school winters, working for his board. In 1883 he took a position with Johnson & Copeland Sash & Door Company, Third street and Third avenue, South, in Minneapolis. In 1876, in order to improve his education, he began attending Professor Folsom's Business College, where he spent two terms, taking up book-keeping and arithmetic. Meanwhile, in 1875, he had engaged in business on his own account, with a partner, known as North Star Glazing Works (Blixt & Fridlund), and conducted the same about three years, selling out in

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1878. He had acquired a goodly sum of money by this time, and owned some property, and engaged in business as a jobber in glass. However, through the failure of several large manufacturing concerns he lost nearly his entire capital and had to give up the jobbing business. In 1879 Mr. Blixt began working for Smith & Wyman Sash & Door Company, working the first year by the day, but since 1880 has been foreman, buying all the material used in the glazing and painting department, and at the same time does the glazing and painting on contract and does outside contracting. He has had charge of the glazing in most of the large buildings recently erected in Minneapolis, among them: Guarantee Loan, New York Life, Masonic Temple, etc.

Since 1885 Mr. Blixt has held the world's record as glazier, having glazed 4,320 panes of glass, 8x10, in 8 hours and 20 seconds; this feat was accomplished by him as a result of using a hitherto unknown method, by which a man could do as much work in one hour as he would otherwise be able to accomplish in ten hours. Thus he has saved an enormous amount of money to both manufacturer and consumer. Mr. Blixt is well known throughout the city, and is universally respected. He is a member of several societies, among them the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, the Owls and the Norden Society. He resides with his children at 523 Third avenue, Southeast.

Mr. Blixt married, in 1882, Emma Louise Abrahamson, born in 1863, in Chisago county, Minnesota. She died January 1, 1909, leaving four children, namely: Walder, born July 19, 1883, employed as glazier by the company with which his father is connected, and living at home; Isabel, born October 12, 1886, is a music teacher in Minneapolis; Edwin Hershel, born in 1888, is married, and also a glazier employed by Smith & Wyman; and Hattie, born November 19, 1891, lives at home, and is attending college.

Claus A. Rollin, D. D. S.—A prominent and worthy representative of the Swedish population of Minnesota, Claus A. Rollin, D. D. S., is actively associated with one of the most important branches of dental surgery, the valuable discoveries and improvements made in recent years in dentistry having elevated it to the dignity of a distinct and separate science. By means of his acknowledged skill and close attention to his professional duties he has already established a large practice in Minneapolis, and is fast winning his way to an assured position among the leading dentists of the city. A son of August Rollin, he was born, April 16, 1877, at Småland, Sweden, where his earlier years were spent.

Coming to Minnesota in 1893, Dr. Rollin continued his studies in the public schools, subsequently further advancing his education by attending the evening schools of Minneapolis. In the meantime he was employed at various occupations, and with a special desire to fit himself for a professional career he saved his hard-earned dollars, and when he saw his way clear entered Gustavus Adolphus College, where he com-

pleted the course of study. Entering the University of Minnesota in 1903, he was graduated from the Dental Department in 1906 with the degree of D. D. S., and has since been engaged in the practice of his profession in Minneapolis. June 27, 1909, Dr. Rollin visited his old home in Sweden and spent about three months there and in travel on the continent. He then returned to Minneapolis and resumed the practice of his profession. Dr. Rollin's office is at No. 1526 East Lake street, Minneapolis.

Carl Ludvig Anderson, contractor and builder, Minneapolis, Minnesota, was born in Bränningsidden, Hofva parish, Vestergötland, April 23, 1862, son of Anders Peter and Anna Greta Anderson. The father was a forester by occupation. Both he and his wife are deceased. Besides this son, they had one daughter, Anna Mathilda, born in 1858, who is now keeping house for her brother in Minneapolis.

After having finished his studies in the public schools, the subject of our sketch worked as a coachman at Gudhammar, remaining there until he was nineteen, when he went to Lusta parish to learn cabinet-making. From there he went to Stockholm and found employment in the Ekman Sash & Door Factory, which concern has manufactured thousands of frame villas and shipped them all over the world. After spending about three years in the factory, he turned his attention to house building, at which he worked in that city for four and a half years. Returning to Vestergötland, where his mother lived, his father having died in 1880, he married, and, in 1887, with his young wife and infant son, emigrated to America.

Upon their arrival in this country, Mr. Anderson and his family went direct to Des Moines, Iowa, where lived a brother of his wife, and where they remained about three months. Then they settled in Marcus, Iowa, where he engaged in contracting and building. He had only twenty-five cents when he landed in this town, but he had what is sometimes better than money—credit,—his backer being John Gund, a banker, brother of the La Crosse, Wisconsin, brewer; and, having credit with real estate and lumber dealers, he at once embarked in building houses, which he sold. He erected and sold two whole blocks of houses, making a good profit, and continued in business there for nearly nineteen years. Then he went to Edmonton, Alberta, Canada, on a prospecting tour, and was employed as foreman at his trade for six months, after which he returned to his family at Marcus, and in 1907 they moved to Minneapolis, where he engaged in business under the firm name of Steinman & Anderson, contractors and builders. This firm was dissolved in 1908, and since them Mr. Anderson has been in partnership with his son, John B. Anderson. They have erected a number of buildings for Fred Gering & H. Davis, Minneapolis real estate men.

In 1885, Mr. Anderson married Miss Christina Olson, who died in Marcus, Iowa, leaving him two sons and a daughter, viz.: John Bernhard,

born October 8, 1886; Esther Christina, January 3, 1895, and Carl Ivar, December 21, 1897.

Fraternally, Mr. Anderson is identified with the Modern Woodmen and the Independent Order of Svithiod, Lodge Oscar II, No. 31, of which he was a charter member, and its first treasurer, to which office he was re-elected for 1909. He and his family attend the Swedish Lutheran church. They reside at 3619 Garfield avenue, South.

To Mr. Anderson belongs the distinction of having saved two human lives. During a blizzard, in 1888, in Marcus, Iowa, he saved the life of a grocer, Peter Anderson, who is still living there; and the same winter he saved the life of a young girl by the name of Wilson, who was crossing a railroad bridge in the darkness. A train was coming behind them. Anderson caught the girl around her waist, and, holding her with one arm, with the other clung to the ties, their bodies in the ice cold water, and the water forty feet deep. After the train had passed over, he took her to her home, half a mile away. She is still living.

Jonas Carlson, of Minneapolis, Minnesota, is a Smålander by birth, having been born in Vrå parish, Sunnerbo, October 10, 1867, son of Carl and Ingrid Johannesson. In their family were seven children, of whom two daughters died when young. The five sons living are: Peter, a blacksmith and farmer in Holland; Johannes, a farmer at the old homestead; Anton, a merchant tailor in Halmstad; Jonas, the subject of this sketch, and Enoch, a book-keeper and office man in Minneapolis.

In his youth Jonas Carlson attended the public schools and also studied under the instruction of private tutors, after which he entered the Seminary for Teachers in Vexiö, where he was a student two terms. In 1883, he emigrated to America and came directly to Minneapolis, which city has since been his habitation, with the exception of one summer when he worked on a railroad and five months spent in Michigan as representative for the Minneapolis Brewing Company. His first summer here he worked at the plasterer's trade, and from this he turned to the grocery business, entering the employ of John Moren, with whom he remained three and a half years. Afterward he worked for O. J. Lund and later for Ole Nelson, both grocers. For one year he was connected with the Vanstrom Clothing Co., after which he engaged in the clothing business with Dahl Bros., under the firm name of Carlson & Dahl Brothers, at 321 Twentieth avenue, North. This partnership continued for seven years, or until Carlson bought the interest of his associates, after which he continued the business in his own name for another seven years. Meeting with financial loss, he went out of business, and soon afterward accepted a position with the Palace Clothing Co., dividing his time between St. Paul and Minneapolis for about three years. Then he entered the employ of the Minneapolis Brewing Co., with which he was connected until January 1, 1909.

Mr. Carlson is a member of the I. O. F., Modern Woodmen of

America, Improved Order of Red Men, Independent Order of Svithiod, and the Order of Vasa.

In 1902, Mr. Carlson visited several countries in Europe, including Norway, Sweden, Denmark, Germany, Belgium, Holland, France, England and Ireland, the voyage covering a period of three months. The chief object of this trip was to visit in Sweden his aged father, then in his eighty-fourth year, and who died two years later. His mother died in 1874, as the result of a surgical operation.

Charles J. Carlson, who has a general merchandise store at 2700 Bryant avenue, Minneapolis, Minnesota, is a native of Sweden and dates his birth at Lilla Ström, Dannike parish, near Borås, February 8, 1870. Mr. Carlson's parents, Svante and Sophia Carlson, came to this country in 1902, and the father, who was born in 1834, is still living, making his home with his sons in Minneapolis; the mother died in 1907. They had eight children, three of whom are deceased. Those living are: Gustaf Conrad Carlson, of Duluth, Minnesota; Svante August Isidorus Carlson is in the far West; Mauritz Carlson, a wood turner by trade, resides in Minneapolis; Maria Valborg is the wife of Harold Week, estimator with the Minneapolis Sash and Door Factory.

Charles J. Carlson received a public school education in his native land, and after his confirmation spent about five years traveling with his father, the latter being a farmer and an itinerant merchant. In 1888, the young man came to America. For a short time he stopped in Minneapolis, then he went to Gibbon, Minnesota, where, for two years, he worked on a farm, afterward securing a position as clerk in the general merchandise store of William Webster, where he remained for a period of eight years.

Returning to Minneapolis in 1899, he opened a grocery and general merchandise store at 720-722 Twenty-sixth avenue, North, where he did an extensive and profitable business until he sold out in 1906. Since then he has bought and sold a number of stores and stocks of goods and has also dealt in real estate. He traded a tract of land for his present store, 2700 Bryant avenue.

Mr. Carlson resides with his family at 1028 Logan avenue, North. In 1894, at Gibbon, he married Miss Maude L. Searles, of Swan Lake, Nicollet county, her parents being among the early settlers of that county, where her father is still engaged in farming; her mother died in 1904. To Charles J. Carlson and wife have been given four children, namely: Lyle Searles, born in 1895; Lola, in 1897; Gladys Marine, in 1899, and Warn Daw, in 1906. The family attend the English Presbyterian church, and Mr. Carlson is also identified with the Modern Woodmen of America and of the Brotherhood of American Yeomen.

Gustaf Adolf Hallin, who is a prosperous young dairyman residing at 3445 Hennepin avenue, Minneapolis, is of substantial Swedish

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stock which has been wedded to agriculture for many generations. He was born in Årestad, Björkeberg parish, Östergötland, on the 12th of February, 1868, and is a son of Carl Johan and Christina Maria (Monsdotter) Nilsson. The father, who was born in Björkeberg parish in the year 1829, continued to engage in agriculture until his death in 1893. The mother, born in the same year, is a daughter of Carl Magnus Magnusson, long a farmer of Kisa parish, and she is still living in Sweden. The six children of the family were as follows: Hulda Maria, who was born in 1851 and is now married to Johan Nilson, a farmer and auctioneer of Björkeberg; Carl Emil, born in 1852 and engaged in farming in the West; Nils Peter, born in 1854, who was a brewer of Tranås, Sweden, and died in 1905; Johan Alfred, who was born in 1860 and is engaged in that industry at the same place; Oscar William, who was born in 1865 and died in 1907, and Gustaf Adolf, of this sketch.

Mr. Hallin spent his life until he was of age in acquiring an education and assisting his parents at home; but in 1889 he emigrated to the United States and located at Minneapolis. There he worked as a common laborer for two years, and then held a position with the street railway company for ten years. But he was not satisfied with his position as an employe; he longed to be independent and his inclinations naturally led him toward an agricultural opening. In 1903 he therefore purchased the dairy farm at his present location, where he conducts a substantial business and has a comfortable and pleasant home.

In 1891 Mr. Hallin married Miss Anna Maria Hallgren, who was born in Åsbo, Östergötland, in 1869, and is a daughter of Claus Gustaf Hallgren, general overseer of the Stralsnas estate, of that province. They have one child, Agnes Elizabeth, who was born at Minneapolis in 1893 and is now a student at the West High School.

Frank Ephraim Bergstrom, the firmly established and artistic merchant tailor of Minneapolis, is a native of Stockholm and was born in the beautiful Swedish capital March 13, 1872. His parents were Clays Rudolph and Anna Julia Bergstrom, and at his birth his father was a shoemaker at Stockholm, but later moved to Carlskrona, where he long monopolized the trade of the best families of that somewhat aristocratic community. The elder Mr. Bergstrom died in that place several years ago, but the widow is still living there. There were seven sons and two daughters in the family and, besides Frank E., the following sons reside in the United States: Adolphus Bergstrom, who is an artist, living in Boston, Massachusetts, and Israel Bergstrom, at one time chief clerk of the Minnesota house of representatives, but now identified with the Scandia Life Insurance Company, with headquarters in Duluth.

After passing through the fourth "standard" of the high school at Carlskrona, Frank E. Bergstrom was apprenticed to learn the tailor's trade, and the conclusion of this period of his life was coincident with his coming to Boston in 1889. In that fastidious city he was accepted

as a master of his trade and employed by several of the leading houses of the Hub, such as those of F. L. Dunn and John J. Mitchell. On the bench and as a cutter he thus spent thirteen years of profitable experience, both from the standpoint of money and reputation, and, not satisfied with this practical training, he pursued a scientific course in cutting with the Bell Tailoring Company, New York. In 1892 Mr. Bergstrom located in Minneapolis, being employed by Hodgdon & Zahn until 1906, when he purchased the tailoring business of D. H. Gallagher, which he has since continued with signal success under his own name. He has recently moved into more spacious quarters at No. 4 Fifth street, North, opposite the West Hotel. Mr. Bergstrom is a member of the First Swedish Baptist church and of the Odin Club. Mr. Bergstrom caters especially to his countrymen, from whom he draws a large business.

Otto A. Nelson.—Long identified with the executive affairs of the lumber and railroad interests of his locality, Otto A. Nelson is now associated with the business of Gust Lundahl, a prominent railroad contractor of Minneapolis. Mr. Nelson is also one of the oldest and most active members of the Swedish society, Norden, of which he has served as librarian, secretary and president—in the last-named capacity for five years. At all the festivals and other important gatherings of the society, he has been conspicuous both as a speaker and a reciter of original poetry which has been received with such just favor. As to the more general fraternities, it may be added that he is an active member of the Knights of Pythias.

Otto A. Nelson was born December 24, 1866, on the ancestral estate which has been in the possession of the family for centuries, in Broby parish, Omarstorp, Skåne, Sweden. He is a son of Nils Manson and Anna Maria (Persdotter) Nelson, the father being a farmer of that parish, who was born in 1829 and died on the family homestead in 1892, while the mother, who is still living there, was born in 1834, a daughter of Per Nilsson, a farmer of Södra Vram. The six children of the Nelson household were: N. P., born in 1859, who is now custodian of the United States Government Building in Minneapolis; Mathilda, born in 1862, who is the wife of Gustaf Pålsson, an extensive farmer located at Broby, Sweden; Amanda, born in 1864, who is also married and living in Broby parish; Otto A., of this sketch; Axel Bonde Fredin, born in 1868, who occupies the old family homestead; and Hilma, who was born in 1872.

Until 1883, when he was seventeen years of age, Otto A. Nelson attended the public and private schools of his home neighborhood, and then, after remaining at home for two years, emigrated directly to Minneapolis, where he secured a position in a sash and door factory and was thus employed for three years. Next he assumed a more responsible position with the Nelson-Tenney Lumber Company, and remained with that firm until 1905, or for a period of seventeen years. In the year named

he returned to Sweden, but only for three months, when he re-located in Minneapolis, soon obtaining a position as clerk and time-keeper for the Great Northern Railway Company. He was first sent to British Columbia and afterward to the Dakotas, and was engaged in the same line of work for the Soo Railway. Since 1907 he has been employed as a book-keeper and clerk by Gust Lundahl, the well known railroad contractor. When in the city, he resides at 1400 Monroe street, Northeast, Minneapolis, and stands high both in Swedish-American circles and in the business world at large.

Aksel Leonard Hammarstrand, a salesman identified with the Plymouth Clothing House of Minneapolis, is one of the Swedish-Americans of the Twin Cities whose lineage can be traced to old and noted families of the mother country. On the maternal side its well authenticated records commence about the middle of the sixteenth century. The maternal genealogy may be traced to the unfortunate Eric XIV, the King of Sweden, who made unsuccessful overtures of marriage to Queen Elizabeth and Mary Queen of Scots and who, after a tumultous reign of seventeen years, is believed to have been poisoned February 26, 1577.

Mr. Hammarstrand is a native of Skara, Sweden, born October 21, 1874, to Wilgot L. and Augusta Sophia (Palmgren) Hammarstrand, his father having been a leather manufacturer of that place, who was born April 17, 1833, and died March 15, 1906. His paternal grandfather, Anders, was also a manufacturer in that line, while his maternal grandfather, E. P. Palmgren, was owner of the paper mills at Katrinefors, Östergötland. Mr. Hammarstrand has two brothers and three sisters living, all residing in Sweden except the oldest brother, who is in Copenhagen. Aksel L. graduated from the College of Skara and then joined his father for several years in his leather factory. Such contracted employment did not satisfy him, however, and in 1899 he left home for England, being then identified with the large mercantile firm of Lilley & Skinner, of London, for three years. Next, he spent some time in Germany; passed another year at home, and then started for the United States, where at that time he had a brother. Mr. Hammarstrand reached Minneapolis July 6, 1903; then spent two years at Duluth and in prospecting through the West, with a final return to the city in which he first located. The period since has been passed in pushing the interests of the Plymouth Clothing House, with which he is now a salesman in the boys' department.

Mr. Hammarstrand's wife, to whom he was married since his return to Minneapolis, was known by the maiden name of Olga Faller, and was at the time a graduate nurse from the Swedish Hospital. She was born in Montrose, South Dakota; lost her mother when but an infant and for many years of his life cared for her invalid father, who was a victim of chronic rheumatism contracted while engaged in farming during the

pioneer times of South Dakota. Mr. Faller spent the last eighteen years of his life as a bedridden sufferer, during nine years being a patient at Bethesda Hospital, where his sufferings were ended July 11, 1908. The deceased was a native of Sweden, of Finnish descent, and came to the Dakota country early in the seventies.

Nels Erickson, a resident of Minneapolis since 1905, was born March 26, 1863, at Wärmland, Sweden, son of Ericson and Christena (Jenson) Erickson, and is one of the three of their seven children who emigrated to this country. He landed here in 1880, a youth of seventeen, equipped with a public-school education obtained in his native land, to which he has since added a valuable knowledge gained in the broad school of experience. His first work in this country was on the railroad at Warren, Minnesota. He spent one year there, two years at Vinson, this state, and five years at Crookston, all this time working on the railroad. Then he accepted a position as salesman for the McCormick agricultural machinery and went to Grand Forks, North Dakota, where he remained several years, after which he was sent to South America, in the interest of the company, this trip covering a period of about one year. Upon his return, he went to Winnepeg, Canada, to introduce machinery for the manufacture of cement and concrete products, and has since been interested in this machinery, his work in the promotion of the industry taking him over various portions of the Northwest and gaining for him an acquaintance with the leading contractors and builders of this part of the country, by whom he is regarded as an expert in his line. He came to Minneapolis in 1905, and has since been identified with this city.

In 1888, Mr. Erickson married Miss Randy Melby, who bore him one child, Harry, born in 1889. This wife and mother died in 1896. In 1905, he married Miss Etta Johnson, daughter of Nels Johnson, of Grafton, North Dakota. Fraternally, Mr. Erickson is identified with the orders, Woodmen of the World, and the Ancient Order of United Workmen.

John Johnson was born near Lund, in Sweden, December 2, 1865, but the greater part of his business career has been spent in the United States and he is now one of the leading liverymen in Minneapolis. His father, John Johnson, Sr., was for many years the foreman of a very large estate in Sweden. The son attended the public schools of his native land, and coming to the United States in 1891 he located first at Winthrop, Minnesota, and worked for several months on a farm near that city. For two years he was employed in the woods at lumbering and on the railroad, and then coming to Minneapolis he secured work in a livery stable here. Ambitious and resolute, he applied himself diligently to the business at hand and after nine months was able to rent the barn from his employer and thus entered upon his successful career as a liveryman. After eight years as a renter he bought the barn and now has one of the largest and best equipped livery stables in the entire Northwest, his barn

John A. Nelson

being large and well arranged and his carriages and horses are of the best. He furnishes employment to from twelve to fifteen workmen. Mr. Johnson entered upon his business career without money or influential friends, and his success is due entirely to his own energy, persistent labor and close attention to the details of his business, and further than this he is honorable and upright in all his dealings, and commands the respect and confidence of a large circle of friends and acquaintances.

He was married on Thanksgiving Day of 1895 to Christena Anderson, a native daughter of his own country, where she was also reared and educated, and they have three children, Edward, Clarence and Howard. Mr. Johnson is a member of the Metropolitan Society and the Mystic Circle, and he is an active member in the Swedish Baptist church.

John A. Nelson.—In the field of industrial or commercial activity opportunity is almost limitless, and along these lines John A. Nelson has been constantly advancing until he now occupies a splendid position in the business circles of Minneapolis. Coming from his native land of Sweden to the United States as a lad of eighteen in 1882, he made his way directly to Minneapolis, Minnesota, and without means he for two years worked at any honorable employment that he could find. He then secured work with A. G. Parkhurst, who had built up a splendid reputation in business in paving and concrete work, and during his nine years' connection with that gentleman Mr. Nelson became very proficient in the business, learning thoroughly its every detail. In the spring of 1893 he purchased the interest of Mr. Parkhurst and started in for himself, forming a partnership with his brother, Neal J. Nelson. This firm, known under the name of the Nelson Brothers Sidewalk Company, not only maintained the excellent reputation of its predecessor in business, but they at the same time greatly enlarged its scope, and in 1904 they admitted into the firm Harvey B. Smith, since which time business has been carried on under the name of the Nelson Brothers Paving & Construction Company. Their main office is at 226 South Fourth street, Minneapolis, and their business, now one of the most prominent of its kind in the entire Northwest, has grown to enormous proportions and furnishes employment to from one hundred and twenty-five to one hundred and fifty workmen. Their trade is not confined to the Twin Cities, but extends through the northwestern states to and including that of Michigan, the middle West, including Indiana, and as far south as the state of Florida. Their work is excellently done, performed entirely by contract, and the rapid growth of their trade is an indication of their straightforward manner of dealing.

John A. Nelson, the senior member of the Nelson Brothers Construction Company, was born at Halland, Sweden, March 7, 1864. His father, Nels Nelson, a farmer in that country, died in 1906. The son John A. obtained his education in the public schools of his native town, and as above stated came to the United States when eighteen years of

age. He married, in 1893, Miss Emma Peterson, from Wilmar, Minnesota, but she died in the spring following her marriage. On the 21st of October, 1896, he wedded Ella Johnson, and they have four children, Melville J., Eulalia E., Luciel A., and Douglas A. Mr. Nelson is a member of Albert Pike Lodge, A. F. & A. M., at Hopkins, Minnesota and of the Swedish Baptist church.

Arvid Idoff Linden, who is identified with the business of the W. K. Morrison Company, Minneapolis, is a native of Sweden, born in Ströfvelstorp, Skåne, on the 3rd of July, 1882. His parents are P. R. and Caroline (Lindblad) Lindén, his father, who was born in 1857, being the present executive clerk in the paper mills at Strömsnäs. The mother is a native of Fagerhult, Skåne, daughter of a school teacher and a lady of refined and strong character. The seven children of the parental family were as follows: Arvid I., of this sketch; Hugo, who was born in 1884 and is now a farmer in Alberta, Canada; Per, born in 1885 and an engineer in the Swedish navy; Emilia, born in 1886, who is living with her parents in Sweden and preparing herself for a high school teacher; Oscar, who was born in 1889 and is working under his father in the office of the Strömsnäs paper mill; Otto, born in 1893 and still a pupil living at home; and Anna, born in 1895, who is also attending school and living with her parents.

After completing his course in the public schools, Arvid spent two years in a business college and then entered the employ of Kristenson & Eliason, hardware merchants of Strömsnäs, to which place his father had removed with his family after having conducted a business in Markryd for some thirteen years. In 1902 the young man came to America, locating at Hancock, Minnesota, and working as a book-keeper in a lumber office for a year and a half. A desire for more independence induced him to establish himself in the commission business at that point and he continued in that line until he located in Minneapolis in 1904. His first position there was as manager of the Columbia Restaurant, and after continuing thus for a year and a half he accepted the responsibilities of general order clerk with W. K. Morrison Company, having since discharged his duties with precision, promptness, fidelity and general ability. He resides at 821 Eighteenth avenue, North.

Anders Thorsten Hammarstrand, 4712 Xerxes avenue, South, Minneapolis, was born August 7, 1886, in Jönköping, Sweden. On his paternal side, the family history can be followed back to the middle of the sixteenth century. His father, the late State Veterinary Surgeon, Axel Vilhelm Hammarstrand, was born September 21, 1836, and died October 21, 1907. He was a son of Anders Hammarstrand, who conducted a tannery and leather business in Skara, Sweden.

On his mother's side, Mr. Hammarstrand can trace his genealogy to the unfortunate King Eric XIV of Sweden, this descent being from

Lavinia, the illegitimate daughter of the king, and a daughter of the merchant Per i Porten. Lavinia was educated by the Princess Cecilia Vasa and was richly endowed by the king. The mother of Mr. Hammarstrand, Emelie Charlotta (*nee* Palmgren) was born in 1847 and is still living. Her father, E. P. Palmgren, owner of the paper mills at Katrinefors, Vestergötland, died in 1851. Axel V. Hammarstrand and his wife had two other sons besides Anders T., and two daughters, of whom only one is living—Nils Verner Hammarstrand, who was born May 10, 1878, and is an architect and constructing engineer in Jönköping, Sweden. He married Signa Salven, and has three children, two daughters and a son.

After receiving his primary education in a private school, Anders T., at the age of ten years, entered the collegiate high school of Jönköping, where he spent five years, at the end of that time being sent to college in Lund, the university of southern Sweden, where he graduated in 1906. He was then engaged by the Swedish Life Insurance Company Trygg, in which his brother-in-law, Adolf af Jochnick, is one of the directors, and general manager. In different capacities, the young man remained with this company until February, 1908. During the summer of that year he completed his compulsory military service with Svea Lifgarde, Stockholm. In the meantime his brother-in-law, af Jochnick, had made inquiries with the view of ascertaining where the young man could secure the best education in life insurance, with the result that he came to America and became identified with the Prudential Life Insurance Company. Leaving Sweden in October, 1908, he landed at Newark, New Jersey, after a voyage of ten days, and was at once set to work. Desiring to learn the business and work his way up from the bottom, at his own request he was sent out "in the field," after having spent a week in the office at Newark. Going to Philadelphia, he started in as an agent, and remained there until April 28, 1909, when he was promoted to the position of assistant superintendent and transferred to Minneapolis, with office in the Bank of Commerce Building. Mr. Hammarstrand is a member of the Swedish Society Par Briscoll.

Vilhelm Rundquist, head of the cutting department of the Rydell Clothing Company of Minneapolis, and one of the most expert and artistic tailors in the city, is also a fine type of the industrious, straightforward and progressive Swedish-American. He is a native of Fryksende parish, Vermland, Sweden, where he was born June 8, 1873, and where his father was a well known painter. He is a son of Magnus Anderson and Regina Rundquist, and both are residing in Strömnäs, Engermanland, whither they moved with their family in 1887. The six children in the household, besides Vilhelm R., were: Hulda, who was born in 1885 and died in 1907; Victor, born in 1888, who is now employed in a sash and door factory in Hernosand, Sweden; Verna, born in 1887, who is living with her parents in the motherland; Maria, born in 1890, who married

in Strömnäs, Sweden; and Theresa, born in 1889, who is also living with her parents; as well as Jacob, born in 1891.

Vilhelm attended the public school of his native place until he was fourteen years of age, when he was apprenticed to a tailor in Stockholm, afterward following his trade as a journeyman until his emigration to the United States in 1892. In December of that year he arrived in Ludington, Michigan, where he was employed on high-grade work until 1896. He then located in Minneapolis, where his position in the trade was further advanced by his connection with the leading tailors doing business as the Rydell Clothing Company; as stated, he has been advanced to the responsible position of superintendent of its cutting department, on whose expertness and taste virtually depend the attractiveness and general merchantability of the goods sent forth by the house.

Mr. Rundquist wedded Miss Alma Bergstrom, born in the year 1875 and a daughter of Charles Bergstrom, deceased. Another daughter married G. E. Rydell, head of the clothing company which bears his name and with which Mr. Rundquist is so prominently identified. In winter the families make their home together at 1627 Twenty-second avenue, North, but in summer Mr. Rundquist resides at Carmen's Bay, Spring Park Station, Lake Minnetonka.

Otto Emil Anderson.—It may well be said of Otto Emil Anderson, who is well known to the Swedish-American public through his able contributions to literature, both in English and in his native vernacular, that he is one who has "come within sight of the castle of his dreams" and has found pleasure and afforded pleasure through his many able productions in both prose and verse. To Swedish Americans throughout the Union he is better known under his nom-de-plumes of "Otto," "Viftaren," "Magdalena," and "Kalle Petterson." As poet, humorist and literary connoisseur he has entertained thousands of persons through his contributions to Swedish-American newspapers and periodicals. He has maintained his home in the city of Minneapolis for more than a quarter of a century and here is held in affectionate regard by the many worthy citizens who claim the same nationality or descent as does he himself.

Otto E. Anderson was born at Norrköping, Sweden, on the 17th of May, 1867, and by reason of having been the eighth in order of birth in the family of ten children he was baptized under the name of Otto (den åttonde). He figures as the only representative of the immediate family in America. His father, Johan August Andersson, was born in Östergötland, Sweden, in 1831, and was for many years a foreman in a woolen mill in Norrköping, where he continued to reside until his death. His wife, Carolina (Westerberg) Andersson, was born at Östra Eneby, Östergötland, Sweden, and is still living, now venerable in years. The religious faith of the family in Sweden is that of the Lutheran church.

As a boy Mr. Anderson was known as an apt pupil, showing ready power of absorption and assimilation, but that he was not lacking in the traits of the "real boy" is evident from the fact that he gained reputation as the mischievous youngster of his class, thus proving, no doubt, more or less a "thorn in the flesh" of his patient instructors. Among his schoolmates he gained the title of "Brorse Linquist" (nick-name). Concerning his early career the following statements, previously published, are well worthy of reproduction in this connection, only slight paraphrase being made:

"At the age of eight years Mr. Anderson surprised his parents one morning with his first composition, which he sung as he stood in bed dressing himself, and this one was followed in the evening by another, as a concomitant of the ceremony of undressing for slumber. Those verses are still treasured by other members of the family. At the age of twelve he was compelled to leave school and go to work. He first found employment in the large woolen mill in which his father was a foreman at the time. Imbued with ambition to learn a trade, Mr. Anderson soon left the mill and entered a wall paper factory, but he soon found, to his great sorrow, that he had jumped from the ashes into the fire. The foreman of the factory was a man of most bibulous habits, and young "Brorse," as he had been termed by his schoolmates, was, against his own will, used as a messenger to bear the desired intoxicants between the saloon and the factory. If he refused this service the foreman administered to him a severe chastisement. One day, bottle in hand, he ran right into the arms of the owner of the factory, was called into the office, refused to implicate his foreman, and left the place. He soon afterward secured a new place as clerk in the store of J. F. Södergren, in whose employ he continued until the 16th of April, 1884, when he severed the ties that bound him to home and native land and set forth to seek his fortunes in America. His fortification for the trip to the United States was most meager in a financial way, and after landing in New York City he straightway set forth for Minneapolis, having only his ticket and fifty cents in money. In this city he has resided during the long intervening years, with the exception of a few months spent in his native land, in the winter of 1892-3."

Many years ago Mr. Anderson wrote, in prose and verse, a record of his boyhood days, under the title of "The Adventures of Brorse Linquist," and the same was published in the *Svenska Amerikanska Posten*, of Minneapolis. Under the same title, in 1909, he published a most interesting two-act comedy. As a dramatist Mr. Anderson has gained no insignificant reputation, and it may be noted that his illustrated comic lecture, "The Adventures of the Johnson Family," has been presented on the stage from time to time in Minneapolis and elsewhere, as have also his Swedish-American "Magdalena" stories and verses. Mr. Anderson has published three books, "På Lediga Stunder" (Idle Hours), in verse, 1896; "I Skumrasket" (At Sunset), in

prose and verse, 1902; and "Svenska Låtar" (Swedish Ditties), giving much of the Swedish history in verse, in 1910.

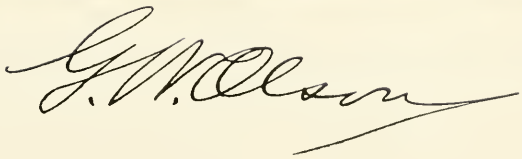
From the article to which recourse has already been made are taken the following pertinent statements:

"During the first years of his residence in America Mr. Anderson was compelled to 'make a stab' at anything and everything that offered a means of livelihood, but he finally found a vocation to his liking, and for a score of years worked as traveling agent, collector and correspondent for Swedish newspapers. For more than a decade past he has been busily engaged in securing subscribers for *Svenska Folkets Tidning,* published in Minneapolis, and has been very successful in the work, in connection with which he has friends everywhere that 'Viftaren' is a familiar visitor. Now and then he has, in different papers, published his laughing letters from 'Magdalena to Chale Peterson,' and vice versa, and his contributions signed under his pseudonyms of 'Viftaren,' 'Magdalena' or 'Otto', are sure winners. Time and again his verses and other contributions have been published in some of the leading newspapers in Sweden and in other publications in America. Being an extensive traveler, Mr. Anderson has perhaps more personal acquaintances among the masses of the Scandinavians in this country than any other Swedish-American writer. He has contributed to nearly every Swedish-American paper, both in prose and verse, and for the last ten years has been a regular contributor practically every week to the paper of which he has been a representative and of which mention has just been made. He is often called upon to write verses in connection with various social functions, and his personal presence is ever gratifying to his host of admiring friends."

In politics Mr. Anderson gives his allegiance to the Republican party and while he is not formally identified with any religious organization his views are in harmony with the tenets of the Unitarian church.

In the city of Minneapolis, on the 25th of August, 1888, Mr. Anderson was united in marriage to Miss Hulda Josephina Johansson, who was born in Ulricehamn, Sweden, being a daughter of Karl Johan and Maria Christina (Andersson) Johansson. Mr. and Mrs. Anderson became the parents of eight children, all of whom were born in Minneapolis, and of the number all are living except one. Their names, with respective dates of birth, are here entered: Carl Johan Emil, February 13, 1889; Hulda Carolina Maria, September 12, 1890 (died December 28, 1890); Blenda Josephina Emelia, April 22, 1892; Alice Jenny Amanda, November 17, 1894; Ruth Ingeborg Maria, January 17, 1897; Hulda Linnea Carolina, July 24, 1899; Otto Lennart, May 8, 1902; and Ernest Martin, February 10, 1906.

Gustaf Wilhelm Olson.—A man of versatile talents, energetic and enterprising, Gustaf Wilhelm Olson is a thorough master of the art preservative, having the reputation of being one of the most expert



printers in the Northwest, and has occupied a noteworthy position as a director and the vice-president of the Hahn & Harmon Company, of Minneapolis. A son of Sven and Sissa (Trulsdotter) Olson, he was born, April 7, 1876, in Harlunda parish, Småland, on a farm.

Sven Olson came to America with two of his sons, John M. and Gustaf W., in 1888, and for four years worked in Minneapolis. Returning then to his native land, he has since been a resident of Sweden. His wife died in 1903. They were the parents of eight sons, six of whom are now living, namely: John M., engaged in farming at Kelsey, Minnesota; Gustaf W.; Carl Henrik, a country merchant in Sweden; August, a farmer at Meadowlands, Minnesota; Emil, assisting his father in the management of the old homestead; and Otto, who is employed in agricultural pursuits in Minnesota.

Coming with his father and oldest brother to Minnesota when twelve years old, Gustaf Wilhelm Olson spent a year and a half in Vasa, Goodhue county, where he attended the public schools two terms. Coming to Minneapolis in the fall of 1889, he served an apprenticeship at the printer's trade, in the meantime continuing his studies at the evening schools. He subsequently worked six months on the *Svenska Amerikanska Posten*, then served three years in the office of the *Romanbladet*. When sixteen years old he was made foreman of the *Missionbladet*, for two years having charge of its mechanical department. In the fall of 1894, in partnership with Albert Sjostrand, a fellow-compositor, under the firm name of Olson & Sjostrand, he started a job printing office, and succeeded so well that in 1898 he bought out his partner's interest and continued the business alone. In 1899 Mr. Olson unfortunately had a severe illness, during which the business ran down to such an extent that he had to sell out the stock, the greater part of which went to *Svenska Folkets Tidning*.

Mr. Olson then entered the employ of Hahn & Harmon, printers, and remained as foreman of their jobbing office from 1899 until 1902, when he accepted a position as advertising manager with the *Minnesota Stats Tidning*, in St. Paul. He was very successful, but at the end of a year was offered a better position with Hahn & Harmon, with whom he was again associated, this time remaining from February, 1903, until January, 1904. At that time Mr. Olson started a business of his own as head of the firm of G. W. Olson & Company, and five months later, on May 1, 1904, his company became consolidated with the firm of Hahn & Harmon, and was incorporated under its present name of "Hahn & Harmon Company," of which Mr. Olson was a member of the directorate and vice-president. This company erected a new and commodious building on Fifth avenue, South, and since March 1, 1909, have occupied it, and are now carrying on one of the most extensive printing establishments in the state, their patronage being large and lucrative. In his capacity of superintendent of the printing office, Mr. Olson has won much praise and established an extended reputation for skilful and artistic

work. In 1897 he was commissioned as correspondent for a leading printing trades journal at the Industrial Exposition at Stockholm and spent the summer in Europe, visiting his old home and the leading industrial centers.

In 1899 Mr. Olson married Tillie Olson, who was born at Vasa, Minnesota, February 22, 1876, a daughter of John A. and Anna (Persdotter) Olson, who came to Minnesota from Kiaby, Christianstad, Sweden. The mother died in 1907, but the father is still living. Mr. and Mrs. Olson have three children, namely: Vendela Svanhild Annette, born August 9, 1900; Goodwin Wendell, born November 25, 1901; and Carol Vernon, born September 28, 1903. Religiously Mr. Olson and his family are members of St. Paul's Swedish Lutheran church, in which he was confirmed in 1890, and of which he has since been an active member, having served as deacon the past twelve years, and as superintendent of the Sunday School for a long time. Mr. Olson is also a member of the Swedish Hospital Association, now serving his second term on the board, which he has served as secretary since his election, and at present has full charge of the hospital. Fraternally he belongs to the Royal Arcanum. In 1905 Mr. Olson built a beautiful home for himself and family at No. 3344 Tenth avenue, South.

Mr. Olson has always taken a great interest in church music and was instrumental in introducing "Kyrkosangen," a quarterly music journal, for the Augustana Synod of America. He was also influential in securing a fine pipe organ for St. Paul's church, getting a contribution of $1,500 from Andrew Carnegie for the purpose. In 1908 he was a candidate for the Republican nomination for alderman from the Seventh ward, and at the primaries received a handsome majority of the votes cast, but was defeated at the polls by the small majority of fifteen votes, largely through the trickery and libel of his political opponents.

Fredrik M. Nelson.—Bringing to this country the habits of industry and thrift characteristic of his Swedish ancestors, Fredrik M. Nelson has made practical use of the lessons learned in his youth, and through his own efforts has attained a position of note among the successful business men of the enterprising city of Minneapolis, being now manager and secretary of the National Cut Glass Company, a comparatively new organization, giving rich promise of a prosperous future. A son of Nels Olson, he was born, December 3, 1870, in Mayneskog, Vermland, Sweden.

Nels Olson is still living in the land of his birth, being actively engaged in agricultural pursuits in the parish of Brunskog, Tofdal. He has been twice married. He married first Kajsa Erickson, who died in 1900. Four sons were born to them, namely: Andres, deceased; Fredrik M., the subject of this sketch; Enoch F., engaged in farming in North Dakota; and Gustaf Olof, who, on account of ill health, is living in Monrovia, California.

Fredrik M. Nelson was educated in his native parish, and was there confirmed in the Lutheran church. After confirmation he remained at home for two years, but being of a venturesome spirit, and anxious to avail himself of every opportunity to improve his material prospects, he emigrated to America before he was seventeen years of age, arriving in Alexandria, Minnesota, on June 13, 1887. Remaining there five years, he found employment on a farm during the first three years, the next two years serving as a clerk in the establishment of Kortsch, Hardy & Hiebel. Wishing then to broaden his field of action, he came to Minneapolis, found employment in the department store of the Chicago Store Company, of which Mr. Holtzermann was the manager, remaining with him two years. Being then stricken with typhoid fever, he had a long and serious illness, for nearly a year being confined in a hospital. The following twelve months Mr. Nelson was general salesman for the S. E. Olson Company. Desiring then to try his luck at mining, he started for Alaska in 1898, going first to Edmonton, and from there north by various rivers to Fort Simpson, thence southwest to the McDame district, the oldest gold-mining region in the Northwest Territory. After prospecting perseveringly for seventeen months he became somewhat discouraged and returned to Seattle, Washington, where for seven months he was connected with the department store of O. W. Peterson & Brothers. In the spring of 1900 Mr. Nelson again took up his residence in Minneapolis, and at once entered the employment of the New England Furniture and Carpet Company, having charge of their linen and bedding department. Five months later he was promoted to the position of manager and buyer, and served faithfully and ably as such for eight years. Leaving that concern, Mr. Nelson embarked in the business of manufacturing cut glass, becoming secretary and manager of the National Cut Glass Company. On July 2, 1909, he sold his interest in the National Cut Glass Company to Mr. J. C. Elzy, of St. Paul. On the first of September following Mr. Nelson bought the Invincible Renovator Sales Company, together with the Electric Carpet and Rug Company, of which he is treasurer. The offices are at 67 South Tenth street, Minneapolis.

Mr. Nelson married, in 1895, Anna Olson, who was born, November 20, 1871, in Brunskog, Vermland, Sweden, and came to this country in 1886. Mr. and Mrs. Nelson have two children, namely: Myrtle Hazel, born November 27, 1897; and Frances Lorraine, born January 15, 1901. Taking an active part in political affairs, Mr. Nelson was the leading spirit in organizing the Swedish-American League, which he served as president for two years, when he resigned. It was during his tenure of office, and chiefly through his efforts, that the large hall known as the Twelfth Ward Republican Hall was erected, at a cost of $4,700. He has never, however, been an aspirant for political favors. Fraternally he is a member of the Order of Vasa, of the Modern Wood-

men of America, and of the Odin Club. Religiously he and his family are members of the Swedish Evangelical Bethany church.

JOHN W. LINDSTROM.—It is indeed a "far cry" from the position of a farmer lad in one of the staunch little parishes of the fair Norseland to that of one of the able and representative members of the architectural profession in the great city of Minneapolis, and yet this transformation essentially stands indicatory of what has been accomplished by him whose name initiates this review and who is recognized as one of the skilled and successful architects of the state of Minnesota, in which connection he is senior member of the firm of Lindstrom & Almars. Mr. Lindstrom has been in a significant sense the artificer of his own fortunes and has won success and prestige through worthy and well directed efforts. In the land of his adoption he has honored the land of his nativity, and he is well entitled to consideration in this history touching the Swedish-Americans of Minnesota.

Mr. Lindstrom was born in Edsvära parish, Vestergötland, Sweden, on the 9th of April, 1874, and is the fourth in order of birth of the eight children born to Svante and Christina (Abrahamson) Johanson, both of whom still reside on their old homestead farm in Sweden. Of the eight children five are living and of the number the only representative in America is he whose name initiates this article. John W. Lindstrom was reared under the sturdy discipline of the home farm and is indebted to the public schools of his native parish for his early educational advantages. He continued to be associated in the work and management of the parental farmstead until he had attained to the age of seventeen years, when his ambition led him to sever the gracious home ties and set forth to make for himself a place of independence as a citizen of the great American republic. Accordingly, in 1891, the sturdy, alert and determined young man came to America, landing in New York City in the month of June. He had courage and manifested marked facility in the directing of ways and means toward the accomplishment of desired ends. Though industrious and willing to work assiduously, Mr. Lindstrom was not one to become a mere plodder, for he formulated definite plans and directed his energies in such a way as to make definite progress toward the desired goal. He remained in the state of New York until 1900, in the meanwhile finding occupation as a cabinetmaker during the daytime. His evenings and other leisure moments he devoted to the study of English and other subjects, among the most important of which was architecture, for which he had a natural taste and predilection and to which ancient scientific art he had finally determined to turn his attention as a vocation. In 1900 Mr. Lindstrom left the old Empire state and made his way westward, finally settling in Rockford, Illinois, where he followed the cabinetmaker's trade in furniture factories until 1902, in March of which year he came to Minnesota and took up his residence in Minneapolis. In the meanwhile he had continued his study of architecture

with all of earnestness and appreciation, and had gained distinctive technical skill and scientific ability in the connection. Upon his arrival in Minneapolis he readily secured employment as an architectural draftsman, and he changed from firm to firm, for the sake of broadening his experience and professional facility, until 1904, when he found himself admirably fortified for independent work as an architect. He therefore engaged in the work of his chosen profession, and he continued his business in an individual way until 1906, when he admitted to partnership in the same Ora W. Williams, who came to Minneapolis from Cleveland, Ohio. Under these conditions the firm name of Lindstrom & Williams was adopted, and this alliance continued until the spring of 1907, when the partnership was dissolved, and Mr. Lindstrom then became associated in a professional alliance with Joseph Almars, under the present title of Lindstrom & Almars. Through recognized ability and careful and reliable business methods this firm has built up a large and prosperous enterprise, and the same is constantly expanding in scope and importance. The business of the firm is largely in connection with designing and supervising the erection of private residences and apartment houses of the best modern type, and the best evidence of the skill of the Messrs. Lindstrom and Almars is that offered in the many fine buildings erected under the direction and according to plans and specifications drawn by them. Mr. Lindstrom has achieved a worthy success and is an enthusiast in his profession, to which he gives his undivided attention. His advancement is the more interesting to contemplate from the fact that it represents the direct results of his own powers and efforts, and his career since coming to America as a youth, dependent upon his own resources, offers both lesson and incentive to other aspiring young men. His loyalty to the land of his adoption is of the most insistent and appreciative type and as a citizen he is liberal, progressive and public-spirited, the while he has gained and retained uniform confidence and esteem in the city in which he has elected to establish his home.

In politics Mr. Lindstrom is found aligned as a stanch supporter of the cause of the Republican party. He is a valued member of the North Star Society, the Odin Club and the Minneapolis Architectural Club; and both he and his wife are members of the Lutheran church, in which he was confirmed in his native land.

On the 3rd of April, 1907, was solemnized the marriage of Mr. Lindstrom to Miss Nellie C. Johnson, who was born in Fåratorp Norregård, Annerstad parish, province of Småland, Sweden, on the 24th of June, 1881, and who is a daughter of Johan and Catharina Peterson, who still reside in Sweden. Of the eleven children seven are living and three of the number represent the family in America. Mr. and Mrs. Lindstrom have one child, Gina Catherine Marie, who was born on the 27th of January, 1908. They own and occupy an attractive residence at 1932 Kenwood parkway, and the same is a center of generous hospitality.

The Allen Family.—One of the stanch and essentially representative Swedish-American families of the state of Minnesota is that to which this brief sketch is dedicated. Its members have been zealous and productive workers in various lines of enterprise and in professional life, and the name stands exemplar of leal and loyal citizenship and sterling integrity of purpose. Four brothers of the name have lent honor to the same in Minnesota, and each has attained to success of worthy order. Earnest application, industry, ambition and alert mentality have in each instance combined to make of success not an accident but a logical result, and such is the status of those who now represent the family in this state that there is all of consistency in here making perpetual record concerning their lives and labors. Each of the children who has taken up his abode in Minnesota was born at the old family homestead farm named Gudersmåla, in Algutsboda parish, Småland, Sweden, where the father was a prosperous farmer and manufacturer of wall paper—a man of prominence and influence, honored by all who knew him. The old homestead of the family in Värend, a section of the province of Småland that has sent many sterling representatives to the great state of Minnesota, in whose civic and industrial development those of Swedish birth and lineage have played an important part. Carl Johan Jonason and Erika (*nee* Gustafson), parents of the four Allen brothers who have so worthily represented the family in Minnesota, were scions of stanch lineage in the province of Småland, where the father continued to be identified with the great basic industry of agriculture until his death; his cherished and devoted wife, who is now venerable in years, was born on the 18th of June, 1839, and now makes her home with her children in Minneapolis. Of the five sons and five daughters three of the sons and three daughters are living.

Frank Oscar Allen, the eldest son, was born on the old homestead, on the 13th of October, 1861, and was reared and educated in his native province. He came to America in 1880 and for a number of years thereafter he maintained his home in Minnesota, whence he removed to Seattle, Washington, where he and his wife now reside. On the 21st of September, 1896, was solemnized his marriage to Miss Josephine Johanson, of Algutsboda, Sweden.

John Gottfrid Allen, the second son, became one of the successful and popular real estate and insurance men of Minneapolis, and his death occurred on the 26th of January, 1910. He succumbed to an attack of heart failure, having been sojourning at West Palm Beach, Florida, at the time of his death. He was born on the old homestead, on the 23d of August, 1863, and was educated in the public schools of his native parish. After leaving school he continued to be associated with the work of the home farm and also that of the wall paper factory conducted by his father until 1880, in which year he came to America. He arrived in Minnesota in May of that year and soon afterward secured work on a farm. In 1885 he took up his residence in the city of St. Paul, where he

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engaged in the hotel business, in which he continued, as the proprietor of a modest establishment, until 1890, when he formed a partnership with Gus Broberg, of Chicago, and established a general land, steamship and immigration agency in St. Paul. Five years later he purchased his partner's interest in the enterprise, which he thereafter continued in an individual way for the ensuing five years, at the expiration of which, in 1901, he removed to Minneapolis, where he established himself in the real estate and insurance business, in which he continued successfully until the time of his death. He handled a large amount of farm land and city property during his identification with this line of business and gained precedence as one of the substantial and reliable business men of the city and state, the while he ever commanded the unqualified confidence and esteem of all who knew him. He was a man of sterling attributes of character, generous and whole-souled, and he gained a wide circle of valued and loyal friends in the "Twin Cities" and throughout the Northwest. His devotion to his family was of the deepest order, and in the sacred precincts of the home his death came as an irreparable loss and a source of deepest bereavement. He was an appreciative member of the Masonic fraternity, in which he received the Master Mason and Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite degrees, and was also affiliated with the Zurah Temple of the Ancient Arabic Order of the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. He was also a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, the Order of Vasa and the Odin Club. He was reared in the faith of the Lutheran church, but after taking up his residence in Minneapolis he became a communicant of the Protestant Episcopal church, both he and his wife identifying themselves with the parish of J. V. Alfvegren church, of this denomination.

On the 3d of September, 1900, John G. Allen was united in marriage to Miss Cemelia Anderson, daughter of Frank Anderson, a representative citizen of Cumberland, Wisconsin. Mrs. Allen survives her husband, as do also their three children—John G., who was born on the 28th of September, 1901; Frances Adeline Erika, who was born on the 1st of August, 1903; and Florence Catherine, who was born on Christmas day of the year 1909.

Johan Ernest Allen, the third of the sons to establish a home in America, was born on the old homestead in Sweden, on the 23d of October, 1865. After duly availing himself of the advantages of the public schools of his native parish and after his confirmation in the Lutheran church, he went to Carlskrona, where he served an apprenticeship at the trade of a baker. At the expiration of his apprenticeship he went to the city of Copenhagen, Denmark, where he received his diploma as a journeyman at his trade, at which he was there employed for some time. In 1887 he came to America and joined his two older brothers, of whom mention has just been made in this context. Soon after his arrival in the city of St. Paul he secured employment in the restaurant conducted by A. Dahlquist, and later he was for two years an

employe in the Washington hotel, in said city. He then removed to Tacoma, Washington, where he opened a restaurant and where he continued to be thus engaged in business until 1899, when he returned to Minnesota and opened a restaurant on Cedar avenue, in the city of Minneapolis. Six months later he closed this place and opened a café at 305 Second avenue, South, where he entered into partnership with his younger brother, Gustavus W. On the 1st of April, 1901, they engaged in the hotel business, in connection with their café. In the conducting of this hotel they are still associated, and the business is on a substantial and profitable basis. Johan E. Allen is a member of the Knights of Pythias, the Order of Vasa and the Odin Club, and enjoys unqualified popularity in both business and social relations. He is a bachelor and resides with his mother and two sisters.

Gustavus Wilhelm Allen, the youngest of the four brothers, was born on the 23d of May, 1872, and received his early education in his native land, where also he was confirmed in the church of his fathers. In 1888, when sixteen years of age, he joined his three elder brothers in St. Paul, Minnesota, where his first employment was that of clerk in a general merchandise store. Later he became clerk and general assistant in a local hotel, and after retaining this incumbency for one and one-half years he entered a business college, in which he was a student for the ensuing six months, within which he gained an excellent knowledge of business methods and American commercial systems. After leaving this institution, in 1891, he became clerk and bookkeeper in the St. Paul office of the firm of Gus Broberg & Company, where he remained four years, after which he had charge of the firm's Minneapolis office about one year. He then returned to St. Paul, where for two years he held the position of chief clerk in the real estate and insurance office of his brother, John G. Allen. He then went to Chicago, where he assumed the position of traveling passenger agent for the "Beaver Line" (now known as Canadian Pacific) Steamship Company, in connection with which he later became manager of the land and colonization department incidentally conducted by the general agent of said company. At the expiration of two years Mr. Allen returned to Minneapolis, where he associated himself with his brother, Johan E., in the café business, as has already been noted, and they are now associated in the conducting of the Hotel Allen, which is well known to the people of the Northwest and which caters to a large and appreciative patronage.

In 1903 Gustavus W. Allen entered the college of law of the University of Minnesota, where he continued his technical studies for four years, being graduated as a member of the class of 1906 and duly receiving his well earned degree of Bachelor of Laws. In the following year he secured from his Alma Mater the degree of Master of Laws. Since his graduation he has been engaged in the practice of his profession in Minneapolis, where he has built up an excellent business and

where he has gained prestige as an able lawyer and well fortified counselor. His clientage includes large representation among those of his own nationality, and by them he is held in inviolable confidence and respect, as is he, indeed, by all who know him in a business, professional or social way. Mr. Allen is a life member of the Alumni association of his Alma Mater, the University of Minnesota; he is prominent in Masonic circles, having passed the degrees from an Entered Apprentice to that of a Super Excellent Master, inclusive; he also holds membership in the adjunct organization, the Order of the Eastern Star, and he is a charter member and the first and present district treasurer of the Order of Vasa for the state of Minnesota, besides which he is actively identified with the West Side Commercial Club, an organization of high civic ideals and much productive activity. He holds membership in the Lutheran church.

On the 29th of April, 1894, was solemnized the marriage of Gustavus W. Allen to Miss Anna S. Owen, a daughter of Willis H. and Josephine Owen, of Chicago. Her father (deceased) was an American, and her mother, residing in Chicago, was born in Norway. Mr. and Mrs. Allen have one son, Willis Gustavus, who was born in Chicago, Illinois, on the 16th of July, 1897.

Of the three living sisters in the Allen family it should be stated that Johanna Maria is the wife of Charles Engberg, who is engaged in the livery business at Clayton, Wisconsin, and that Mathilda Christina and Emma Charlotte reside with their widowed mother in Minneapolis. Of the latter it might be said that nature having generously endowed her with a sweet, mellow voice, which she is now cultivating under instructions of the best vocal teachers in the Northwest, she might in the near future surprise her friends by coming out as a fine singer, if not a full-fledged prima donna. In any event she has the good wishes of all who know her and who admire her perseverance and studiousness displayed in the admirable art of music.

E. Hugo Erickson.—When any absorbing work in a man's life is the natural and inevitable result of some keen personal experience, with ability and brave determination to keep it in motion and development, so charged with vitality is such a project that it is bound to make its enduring mark in the world. No blow can be so crushing to the energetic, conscientious and ambitious man as a misfortune which threatens to throw him upon the community as one of its useless and cumbersome members; and brave indeed is the man who rallies from the impending blow and from his threatened misfortune wrestles a decisive victory. Although these words are general, up to this point, they have an individual application to the life and business career of E. Hugo Erickson, of Minneapolis, who has a most personal reason for the tireless enthusiasm with which he has been perfecting his artificial limb for the past sixteen years and building around its manufacture one of the leading

industries of Minneapolis and the greatest establishment of the kind in the United States.

In 1891 Mr. Erickson was an intelligent, sturdy young Swedish mechanic of twenty-two, living at St. Paul and employed by the Northern Pacific Railroad as an inspector of Pullman sleeping cars. While so engaged he was run over and his right leg so badly crushed that an immediate amputation was found necessary. At the time, to use a stock phrase, he felt himself "down and out," and as he lay in bed wondered seriously whether the world would ever again have any use for him—a man with only one leg. Soon he commenced to have calls from agents of artificial limb companies, and gathered from their confident talk that he would soon be around as lively as ever—if he used a special make of leg. Four months after his accident he commenced to wear an artificial leg, but as his stump was short and very sensitive the chafing caused him intense agony. After trying six kinds he gave up the last in despair and, falling back on his own mechanical ingenuity and sustained determination to become again a working, useful member of the community, he labored incessantly for nearly two years and evolved the "Slip Socket" artificial leg, which he first patented in 1893. Demands for this invention increased so rapidly that he soon organized the E. H. Erickson Artificial Limb Company, and from the initial patent of 1893 until April, 1908, he has taken out seven patents for various special features and improvements. His large and finely equipped factory gives abundant evidence of the ingenuity, lightness, strength, flexibility and general finish of the article to whose manufacture it is solely devoted. The most complete facilities are also at hand for the scientific fitting of limbs, patients coming from all over the United States, Canada and Europe to take advantage of such convenience and to consult the enthusiastic and sympathetic proprietor personally. The manufactory is located at No. 12 Washington avenue, North, Minneapolis. This extensive business has been established and developed without solicitors, through the medium of a handsome catalogue, illustrated in four colors, and a series of cheerful, encouraging "printed talks"—all the product of Mr. Erickson's ingenuity, earnestness and tactful talents. The value of his invention has not only been recognized by the remarkable growth of his business, but has been marked by the highest awards from three American expositions. The Pan-American, at Buffalo, awarded it the only gold medal given an artificial leg exclusively, pronouncing his invention the best artificial limb exhibited; the Louisiana Purchase Exposition rendered the same unqualified verdict and awarded him the only grand prize offered on artificial legs and sockets, while the Lewis and Clark Exposition also honored his invention with the highest award for artificial legs.

Mr. Erickson is a native of Ödeshög, Stora Åby, Östergötland, Sweden, born on the 9th of September, 1869, his parents being John and Christina Ericsson. His father, who died in 1886, was a contractor and mill builder, while his mother is living with her son in Minneapolis. In

1886, at the age of seventeen years, Mr. Erickson located at St. Paul and there he worked for a few months and later was employed by the Northern Pacific Railroad, in whose service he received the injury which made him a successful manufacturer and, in many respects, a public benefactor as well. On May 3, 1890, Mr. Erickson married Miss Mary Lundin, a native of Fagerås, Sweden. Mr. and Mrs. Erickson are proud of their two children—Elvira, who is now a young lady eighteen years old, and Walter, fifteen years, all at home in their comfortable family residence at No. 2600 Third avenue, South, Minneapolis.

Anders Mandeen was born on a farm in the parish of Bratteborg Byarum, near the city of Jönköping, Sweden, June 26, 1859, and when he was but two years of age his parents, Anders Johan and Johanna Christina Mandeen, moved to Jönköping. During twenty-five years the father was a policeman there, and the parents yet reside in that city. There were seven children in their family, but two daughters, Agda Helena and Anna Judith, died many years ago in Sweden, at the ages of three and ten years, respectively. Ebba Christina, another daughter died in Minneapolis three years ago, the wife of Andrew Dyberg, a groceryman there. Ellen Lovisa and Esther Maria are both married and living in Superior, Wisconsin, and a son, Johan William Mandeen, is in Seattle, Washington.

Anders Mandeen grew to mature years in Jönköping, attending meanwhile the best schools of that city, and much against his father's wishes he finally left school and began work in a wholesale and retail house in that city. In 1882 he went to Stockholm and secured a position in the office of the Stockholm Stads Bransle. In the spring of 1883 he sailed for America, and arriving at New Richland in Waseca county, Minnesota, on the 7th of May, 1883, he spent the following three years on his uncle's farm. Leaving there, he secured a position in a general mercantile store in the city of Waseca, but was obliged to return to the farm on account of the death of his uncle and he remained some time as its manager. Again leaving the farm, he went to Minneapolis and became a coachman for General Netleton, and later served in the same capacity for W. S. Tenney, of the Nelson R. Tenney Company lumber firm.

In November of 1891 Mr. Mandeen was married to Miss Ebba Althea Sponberg, born September 17, 1871, in Otisco, Waseca county, Minnesota. Her parents both came from Jököping, Sweden, in 1869, and located in Waseca county, where her mother yet owns the homestead farm, and it is conducted by her oldest son. The husband and father died twenty-five years ago. Four daughters and a son have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Mandeen, namely: Doris Christina, eighteen years of age; Ruth Tyra Linea, sixteen; Anders Hilding Bernhard, ten years, and the twins, Esther Maria and Ebba Margaret, were born June 16, 1909. The family are members of the Bethlehem Swedish Lutheran church, located at Fourteenth and Lyndale avenues. Mr. Mandeen also belongs to the

Norden Lodge Vega, to the Wasa Lodge Runeberg, being a charter member of the latter, and is a member of the Ancient Order of United Workmen.

Following his marriage Mr. Mandeen became a street car conductor and later became associated with the land and immigration business, and in the latter capacity he has traveled extensively over this continent. He has traveled from Canada to the Gulf many times, and in his wanderings he has met many noted personages and has had many interesting experiences. In coming north from Atlanta, Georgia, in 1897, he reached Washington, D. C., when that city was making ready for President McKinley's inauguration. Seeking the Minnesota senator, Knute Nelson, the latter took Mr. Mandeen to the office of ex-President Cleveland, also to Vice-President Stevenson and Loren Fletcher, the latter a member of the House of Representatives. Following these interesting interviews Mr. Mandeen went to the home of Washington at Mount Vernon, also made a business trip to New York and Philadelphia, stopping at Wilmington, Delaware, to view the First Swedish church there, and returned to Washington on the morning of the inauguration and witnessed the grand parade. On the following day and in company with Dr. Carl Swenson, from Lindsborg, Kansas, he called upon Mark Hanna, and also had the honor of interviewing President McKinley at the White House as a delegate, he thus having the distinction of being a member of the first Swedish delegation that waited on that president. Through the influence of Dr. Swenson he also witnessed the inaugural ball of President McKinley. Two months after this Mr. Mandeen was with Dr. Swenson in Stockholm, Sweden, where, together with the Swedish-American singers, he celebrated the Fourth of July on Hasselbacken, where Old Glory waved in state. While in that city he also saw many royal personages, including the King of Siam and King Leopold, and was on one occasion in company with Christina Nelson. On his return to this country he stopped at London, England, four days, and had the pleasure while there of seeing her majesty, Queen Victoria. On arriving in America he joined his wife, who had remained on the farm with her mother during his absence, and he subsequently visited the exposition at Nashville, Tennessee. In 1900 Mr. Mandeen established his office in the Phoenix building in Minneapolis, but during the past four years he has been operating in western Nebraska, where he is at the head of a splendid settlement of his fellow countrymen. His home during the past twelve years has been at 1120 Dupont avenue, North, Minneapolis.

Dr. Oscar Burg, the dentist, with offices now for nearly a dozen years at 812 Andrus Building, Minneapolis, may well be classed among the most popular, progressive and successful of his profession in this city.

Dr. Burg was born, March 15, 1868, at Abbestorp, Ryssby, Kalmar län, Sweden, son of Borje and Sophia (Olson) Borjeson. Receiving his

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public school education in his native land, he came to America at the age of twenty years. Here he secured for himself an English schooling, and then began his studies and experience in his chosen profession at Ashland, Wisconsin. Soon thereafter we find him in Chicago, matriculated in the Dental College of Northwestern University, where he obtained his professional education.

Coming to Minnesota in 1898, Dr. Burg took the examination required by the State Board of Dental Examiners, and shortly thereafter began what quickly grew to be a large and lucrative practice. In 1895 he married Miss Christine Olson, Malung, Dalecarlia, Sweden, and has been blessed with two children: Amy, born in 1897, and Robert, in 1899. Believing in preserving the health of his interesting family beyond peradventure, Dr. Burg owns a summer cottage, which he has improved with lavish hand until it is one of the real beauty spots on the breezy shores of Lake Minnetonka. The end of each strenuous day in his well-appointed city offices find him hurrying towards his country home, where he can enjoy the delightful scenery and fresh air, as well as keep open house to the special delight of the more intimate friends of this hospitable family.

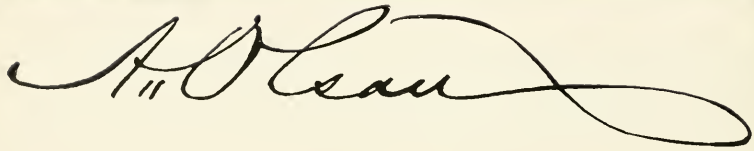
Frank W. Peterson.—Among the representative business men of Swedish nativity who have attained to marked success and gained a secure place in popular esteem in the city of Minneapolis is he whose name heads this sketch, and who owns and conducts a thoroughly metropolitan retail drug establishment in the Andrus building. Frank W. Peterson was born in Woxtorp, Småland, on the 17th of June, 1871, and is a son of Peter and Martha Anderson, the former of whom passed his entire life in Sweden, where he died when the subject of this sketch was a child. The devoted mother is still living and now resides with a son on his well-improved farm near Stacy, Chisago county, Minnesota. Of the eleven children eight are living.

Mr. Peterson is indebted to the excellent public schools of his native parish for his early educational discipline and he was confirmed in the Lutheran church, of which the family have long been devoted members. In 1886, when only sixteen years of age, he immigrated to America and forthwith made his way from the national metropolis to Minnesota, where he joined relatives in Isanti county. He there remained about one and one-half years and during the major portion of this period he attended the public schools, realizing the expediency of gaining a definite knowledge of the English language. Upon leaving that county, he joined his elder brother, J. O. Peterson, in Minneapolis, where the latter is now successfully engaged in the drug business. Here he continued his studies in the public schools for a time and then entered Minneapolis Academy, now known as Minnesota College, in which well-ordered institution he was a student for two years. It will thus be seen that his ambition for the acquiring of a higher education was one of definite action, but he

showed a desire to qualify himself still more thoroughly for the active responsibilities of business life in the land of his adoption. With this end in view, he was matriculated in the Minnesota Institute of Pharmacy, where he continued his technical studies for two years, being graduated as a member of the class of 1893. He forthwith proved that he had made good use of the advantages here afforded him, as he passed the required examination before the state board of pharmacy, and that the test must have been rigorous is shown in the fact that out of thirty-four persons examined at this time only four received diplomas as registered pharmacists, Mr. Peterson being one of this fortunate number. He defrayed the expenses of his college course through his own exertions and has ever been self-reliant and ambitious, so that his advancement, gained through well-directed endeavor, gives him definite right to the proud American title—a self-made man.

After gaining his diploma as pharmacist, Mr. Peterson continued to be employed in his brother's drug store at Seven Corners in the city of Minneapolis, and he was thus associated with his brother for a total of thirteen years. In 1901, upon the completion of the fine, modern Andrus building, Mr. Peterson became one of its first tenants, having at that time opened a well-equipped drug store on the eighth floor. He had the prescience to realize that here was afforded an especially eligible location for a store of the sort, as, almost simultaneously, more than seventy-five of the representative physicians of Minneapolis secured quarters in the new building, in which they utilized the seventh, eighth and ninth floors. That his confidence was well justified is shown in the fact that at the present time Mr. Peterson has the largest prescription business of all drug establishments in the city and he and one other are the only druggists in the city who do not handle patent medicines—a statement that bears its own significance. The enterprise has been conducted with marked discrimination and utmost care by Mr. Peterson and has grown steadily in scope and importance as the years have passed, thus giving him precedence as one of the successful business men and representative druggists of the Minnesota metropolis. He is a valued member of the Minnesota State Pharmacists' Association, as well as those of his home county and city, besides which he is identified with the Odin Club and other representative fraternal and civic organizations. As a specially skilled and practical chemist, he has compounded a line of toilet preparations under the name of "Sapphine." These products are of unquestionable superiority and purity and have found a wide sale in all sections of the Union, being utilized both in a private way and in a large proportion of the first-class barber shops. Both Mr. Peterson and his wife are zealous members of the Lutheran church.

On the 23rd of October, 1900, was solemnized the marriage of Mr. Peterson to Miss Julia Peterson, daughter of Erik and Mary Peterson, of Stockholm, Wisconsin, of which thriving town Erik Peterson was the founder. He died a number of years ago, and his widow now maintains



her home in Minneapolis. Mr. and Mrs. Frank W. Peterson have two children—Donald Earl, who was born on the 29th of August, 1902, and Florence, who was born on the 10th of December, 1908.

Andrew Olson.—Among the hopeful and ambitious young men who immigrated to America from Sweden, hoping in this land of pleasant promise to obtain a firm foothold in the realms of industry, and ere many years should pass to here establish a good home for themselves and their families, is Andrew Olson, a well-known and successful merchant tailor and clothier of Minneapolis, Hennepin county. A skilled workman, thoroughly versed in the art of tailoring, strictly honest and upright in all of his dealings, he has built up a large patronage in this city and is eminently deserving of the prosperity now crowning his labors. A son of Olof and Amalia Christina (Nesberg) Olson, he was born, June 11, 1857, in Brunflo parish, near Ostersund, Sweden.

The educational advantages offered Mr. Olson as a boy were indeed limited, being confined principally to two years at a public school. When a lad of but eleven years, he was apprenticed to learn the tailor's trade, and under the instruction of his employer became master of the details of his occupation. Subsequently, while the state railway was being put through Jemtland, his native county, or district, Mr. Olson opened a tailoring establishment on his own account, in its management meeting with encouraging success. In April, 1882, he followed the tide of emigration to this country, locating in Anoka, Anoka county, Minnesota, where he remained two years. He afterwards went on a circuit, working in various places at his trade, including among other cities St. Paul, Minnesota, and Eau Claire, Wisconsin. Returning to Anoka, Mr. Olson, in company with his former employer, there carried on a substantial business until after the fire, when he sold his interest in the shop and stock to his partner, and came to Minneapolis in search of a favorable location. In 1885 he opened a merchant tailoring shop at 1007 Washington avenue, North, and later moved to 235 Nicollet avenue, commencing on a rather modest scale, and has now one of the best patronized establishments in this part of the city. In 1902 Mr. Olson admitted to partnership with himself Mr. A. A. M. Carlson, an expert clothing salesman, moved to 227 Nicollet avenue, added a clothing and furnishing goods department, and has since carried on an extensive and lucrative business both as a merchant tailor and as a dealer in clothing and furnishing goods, his store being well known and largely patronized.

On June 3, 1888, Mr. Olson married Lydia Anderson Lindell, who was born at Odensala, Sweden, near Ostersund, and they are the parents of three children, namely: Bertha Amalia, born February 28, 1889; Carl Andrew, born August 3, 1890; and Ellen Christina, born April 23, 1897. Mr. Olson and his family are Swedish Lutherans in religion, belonging to the Bethlehem church, of which he is a trustee. He is

likewise a member of the Swedish Hospital Association, of the Odd Fellows, and of the Odin Club. Mr. Olson was formerly an officer in the State Militia, serving as second lieutenant of Battery B until the militia was called, in 1893, to attend the opening of the World's Fair in Chicago, when he was forced to resign from the battery on account of the pressure of business, which did not admit of his being away. In 1907 Mr. and Mrs. Olson made a trip to Europe, and in addition to visiting their old home and friends in Sweden travelled through England, Scotland, Denmark, Germany, France and Belgium, bringing back to their home, at No. 2635 Lyndale avenue, memories which will bring pleasure to them for years to come.

Oscar H. Carlson, a successful florist of Minneapolis, was born in Sandsjö, Småland, Sweden, February 16, 1878, and is the son of Carl and Hilda (Berggren) Israelson, both now living at Håkonaryd, Småland. They were the parents of seven children, of whom four survive, two sons in America, a daughter at Marcus, Washington, and a daughter in Sweden.

Oscar Carlson received his education in the public schools of his native land, and was confirmed in the Lutheran church. He embarked for the United States in 1892, going to St. Paul, where he spent six years in the employ of L. L. May, a prominent florist at that place. He then removed to Minneapolis, and for six years was foreman for L. S. Donaldson & Company, having charge of the rose section. Mr. Carlson made a thorough study of the details of the business with which he was connected, and has now started in business on his own account, in partnership with Andrew S. Sandberg, at 1903 Twenty-second avenue, Northeast. He has modern methods of cultivating his plants and carrying on his business, and his enterprise is meeting with well-deserved success. He is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, Modern Woodmen of America, St. Anthony Commercial Club and Boston Social Club.

Mr. Carlson married, in 1902, Caroline Törnberg, who was born in the neighborhood of Halmstad, Sweden, October 1, 1881, and came to the United States with her parents. She returned to Sweden with her mother, who longed for her native country, but came back to the United States and married Mr. Carlson. They have two daughters, namely: Margaret Constance, born in 1903, and Dorothy Ruth, born in 1905. They reside at 1925 Twenty-second avenue, Northeast.

Alfred Gustafson, who for fifteen years has conducted a meat market at 1003 East Twenty-fourth street, Minneapolis, Minnesota, was born January 10, 1862, in Sillerund, Vermland, Sweden. His parents, Gustaf and Anna (*nee* Olson) Anderson, emigrated to this country in 1884, and passed the rest of their lives and died here. The father was a millwright by trade. In their family were seven children, one of whom is deceased. Those living are: Andrew Martin, Nicolaus, Ulrika, Alfred,

Anna Lisa, and Mina—all farmers in Clay county, Minnesota, except Alfred and Anna Lisa, the wife of Louis Wickmann, a North Dakota farmer. Ulrika is the wife of Adolph Gustafson and Mina is the wife of Andrew Sundberg.

Alfred Gustafson was educated in the public schools of Glava, to which place his parents moved soon after his birth, and in due time he was confirmed in the Lutheran church. After his confirmation he worked with his father, at the trade of millwright, until 1882, when he emigrated to America and came to Clay county, Minnesota, where his brothers had settled the preceding year, and where, two years later, they were joined by the parents and other members of the family. In Clay county Alfred spent four years in farm work. Then, in 1886, he came to Minneapolis and as coachman went to work for G. S. Barnes, with whom he remained eight years. In 1894 he started a meat market business, on his own account, which he has since successfully conducted at 1003 East Twenty-fourth street.

July 6, 1896, Mr. Gustafson married Miss Louise Anderson, who was born in Stafnäs parish, Vermland, September 11, 1864, and they have one son, Carl Stuart, born January 31, 1898. Her parents are still living in Sweden. Mr. Gustafson resides with his family at 2411 Elliott avenue. The family belong to the Mission Friends Covenant Tabernacle, and Mr. Gustafson is a member of the A. O. U. W. and the Royal League.

Rev. John G. Hultkrans.—For many years the Rev. John G. Hultkrans has been one of the many efficient laborers in the cause of Christianity in Minneapolis, and since 1892 he has been the pastor of the Bethlehem Swedish Lutheran church. He is earnest and eloquent in his presentation of the truth, and his efforts have been abundantly blessed. Rev. Hultkrans was born in Vissnum, Vermland, January 21, 1857, and his parents were Johannes and Sara (Olson) Goranson, farming people. Of their nine children five are now living; the Rev. C. A. Hultkrans, superintendent of Bethesda Hospital, of St. Paul; Mrs. Johansson, the wife of the Rev. August Johansson, of Youngstown, Ohio; Elis Goranson, a farmer in Wisconsin; and Anna Maria, the wife of John Mort, a farmer in Wisconsin. The family came from Sweden to Lake City, Minnesota, in 1870, and at the end of that year moved to Pierce county, Wisconsin, where the husband and father died in 1887, the 11th of December, and the mother in 1903, on the 30th of September.

John G. Hultkrans received his early educational training in the schools of Sweden and later in those of Wisconsin. In 1879 he entered Gustavus Adolphus Academy and graduated therefrom in 1881, and in the fall of the same year he matriculated in Augustana College and later in the seminary, graduating in 1886. On the 22d of June of the same year he was ordained for the ministry at Minneapolis, and during the following three years served the church at Titusville, Pennsylvania, and

then accepting a call from Brainerd, Minnesota, in 1889. He was then called to become assistant to the pastor of St. Paul's First Swedish Lutheran church as city missionary, and during his stay there organized the Emanuel Lutheran church and became its first pastor, and continued in that position until in 1892, when he accepted a call from Bethlehem Lutheran church of Minneapolis, and has remained its revered pastor throughout all the intervening years.

Rev. Hultkrans was for nine years a member of the board of directors of Bethesda Hospital, St. Paul, and acted as secretary of the board during all those years. For three years he was chairman of the St. Paul district of the Minnesota Conference and for two years chairman of the Twin City Pastoral Association. By Governor John Lind he was appointed a member of the Reformatory Board of St. Cloud, serving until the State Board of Control was instituted and the Reformatory Board discontinued. Almost since the days when he left college the Rev. Hultkrans has contributed a weekly article to the Minnesota *Stats Tidning* and has published a church paper, *Stadsmissionaren,* for more than seventeen years. He was one of the founders of the Swedish Lutheran Mission Society of the Twin Cities, serving as its secretary from its organization in 1901 to the year of 1909. This society sent out its first missionaries, A. W. Edwins and his wife and Sister Ingeborg Nystul, to China in 1905. By an almost unanimous vote the society's mission was taken over by the Augustana Synod as its own foreign mission in 1908. In 1906 Rev. Hultkrans traveled extensively over Europe, visiting England, Scotland, Ireland, Norway, Denmark and every province of Sweden, and during his travels was an interesting correspondent to the Minnesota *Stats Tidning,* and following his return delivered illustrated lectures. He has also traveled extensively in the United States, Canada and Mexico.

Rev. Hultkrans married, in 1886, Miss Hannah Nelson, of Scandian Grove, Minnesota, and of the eight children which blessed their marriage union the following seven are living: Hilding E., born October 28, 1889; Edna Florinda, April 20, 1892; Carl Elmer, August 10, 1894; Mabel Linnea, December 24, 1896; Esther Adelia, June 22, 1899; Evangelina Marie, March 25, 1903; and George Harold, August 28, 1904.

Otto E. Alving, M. D.—Though Dr. Alving has but recently taken up his abode in America, he merits consideration in this volume as one of the representative physicians and surgeons of the city of Minneapolis. He is a man of exceptionally fine professional attainments and it has been a matter of gratification to his fellow countrymen in Minneapolis as well as to his professional confreres that he has here established his home and engaged in active general practice. No physician of the city is more admirably fortified in the science of medicine and surgery and his success is certain to be of the most definite order and accumulative tendency.

Dr. Alving is a scion of sturdy old Viking stock and in his personality shows the fine characteristics of the race from which he has sprung. He was born in Hogdal parish, Bohus län, on the 3rd of October, 1870, and is a son of Olof and Anna Maria (Larson) Jonasson, who still maintain their home in that parish, where the father has long been actively and successfully identified with the great basic industry of agriculture. Of the eight children four are living and Dr. Alving is the youngest of the number.

Dr. Alving received his early educational discipline in the collegiate school of Strömstad and later entered the fourth standard of the State College in Gothenborg in 1884. There he continued his studies with marked appreciation until he had passed the lower seventh standard, and he then went to the State College of Örebro, in which he was graduated as member of the class of 1884 and from which he received the degree of Bachelor of Arts. This entitled him to matriculation in the University of Upsala without examination, and he entered that celebrated institution in 1890. Here he passed the preliminary medico-philosophic examination in 1891. This made him eligible for entrance to the great Carolingian Medical Institution at Stockholm. The technical course in this institution is both protracted and difficult, covering virtually the entire field of medicine and surgery, so that after the final examination and graduation no post-graduate course is necessary. Dr. Alving here passed the examination as Candidatus Medicina in 1894, and after another four years of continuous study he received the degree of Licentitatus Medicina, entitling him to a diploma as a full-fledged Doctor of Medicine and Surgery. During his last two years of study at the Carolingina Institution he served as assistant physician and surgeon at the hospital of the Royal Guards in the city of Stockholm, where he gained especially valuable clinical experience.

In 1898 Dr. Alving located at Grängesberg, Dalecarlia, where he engaged in the general practice of his profession, in which he there continued for one year, at the expiration of which he was appointed district physician and also received appointment to the office of physician and surgeon to the local hospital. He remained at Grängesberg until 1905, when he was appointed second surgeon at the government hospital at Falun, where he continued in effective service until 1907. He had in the meanwhile decided to gain further knowledge in regard to several branches of his profession and with this end in view he then went to the city of Berlin, Germany, where he prosecuted the study of gynecology under the celebrated Prof. Olshausen. From Berlin he went to Zürich, Switzerland, where he gave his attention to the study of general surgical and clinical work, under the direction of Prof. Kroenlein, and where he also studied advanced ophthalmiatrics under Prof. Haab. Still later he went to Davos sanitarium, where he gave careful study and investigation to tuberculosis and other pulmonary diseases. From these brief statements it will readily be seen that few physicians are more thor-

oughly equipped for the work of the profession, according to the highest modern standards, and in addition to his professional attainments the doctor is a man of fine academic scholarship and is a gentleman of gracious and pleasing personality.

At the end of the year 1909 Dr. Alving decided to seek a wider field for his professional endeavors and in October of that year he came to America and established his residence in Minneapolis, January, 1910, where, it is scarcely necessary to say, he successfully passed the examination before the state board of medical examiners, after which he opened an office at 1426 Washington avenue, South, and here he has since been engaged in the general practice of medicine and surgery. He has already gained a large and profitable clientage and his practice is constantly extending in scope and importance, so that he is recognized as a valuable acquisition to the medical fraternity in Minneapolis. He is a member of the Medical Society of Dalecarlia, in his native land, but since coming to America he has found the exactions of his profession such as to afford him no time to identify himself with local medical organizations, though it is his intention to unite with representative associations of this kind within a short period.

On the 22nd of August, 1900, was solemnized the marriage of Dr. Alving to Miss Esther Olson, a daughter of Bengt and Rosa (Torslund) Olson, of Södertelje. Dr. and Mrs. Alving have two children—Sven Alf, who was born on the 8th of March, 1902, and Ingrid, who was born on the 2nd of May, 1904. Dr. and Mrs. Alving are members of the Lutheran church.

Henry W. Quist, M. D.—Among those who have attained distinctive prestige in the practice of medicine in Minneapolis is Dr. Henry W. Quist, a man of scholarly attainments and who has made deep and careful research in the science to which he is devoting his life's work. After leaving the public schools of his home town he entered the Gustavus Adolphus College at St. Peter, and from there went to Hamline University and from there to the University of Minnesota, and graduated from the medical department in 1907. From June of that year until June of 1908 he served as a house physician in the Swedish Hospital at Minneapolis, and then opening an office at 3047 Nicollet avenue in this city, he entered actively into the work and has won enviable prestige as one of the able and successful physicians of Minneapolis. He is a member of the Minneapolis Medical Club, Hennepin County Medical Society and American Medical Association, of the Home Protective Circle, the North Star Benefit Association, the Vasa Orden of Americans, a distinctively Swedish institution, and the I. O. O. F. In politics he is a Republican.

Dr. Quist was born at Chisago City, Minnesota, May 17, 1879, a son of Peter and Louise (Lyon) Quist, both of whom were born at Wexiö, Sweden, and coming to the United States about the year 1872 they

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located at Chisago City in Minnesota. The father, a wagon maker, died in the year of 1888, but he is still survived by his widow. In their family were eight children, but two died in infancy, and those living are: Carl J., Lydia, Alfred, Anna C., who married John A. Shogren, Otto and Dr. Henry W. The doctor is unmarried and is a member of the Swedish Lutheran church.

Gustaf Ferdinand Sunwall, 327 East Franklin avenue, Minneapolis, is one of the best-known members of the Board of Trade in this city. He was born April 11, 1852, in Sund parish, Östergötland, Sweden, a son of Swedish parents. His father was born December 15, 1814, and at this writing is living at Reby, Osby parish; his mother's name before marriage was Sarah Maria Forsman. She was a daughter of John Forsman, a farmer in Oppaby, Östergötland, and a representative of one of the oldest families in that part of the state. Gustaf F. is one of a family of five children. He has two brothers, Oscar and Carl Peter, born in 1847 and 1854, respectively, and both residents of Östergötland, Sweden. One sister, Hedda, born in 1845, died, unmarried; the other sister, Mathilda, born in 1845, in 1866 became the wife of John Sundin, of Carver, Minnesota. She died some years later, leaving two daughters.

After finishing his studies in the public school, young Sunwall entered college at Eksjö, and passed through six grades there. Then, in 1869, he came to America, landing at New York on the 25th of August, and directing his way to Carver, Minnesota, where he accepted a position as clerk in the store of John Dunn, in whose employ he remained until 1872. In the fall of that year he went to Walnut Grove, where he engaged in business for himself, and located the town site. An opportunity offering whereby he could better his condition, he sold out his business and moved to St. Paul, where he accepted a position as grain buyer for R. Bardon, and afterward opened an office for his firm in Blakely, Minnesota. He remained with Mr. Bardon until 1877, when he began buying grain for himself. In 1879 he moved his business to Carver, and was actively interested in buying grain at that point until the fall of 1886. Since that time he has been a resident of Minneapolis, and has retained his identity with the grain business. In 1883 he organized the Minneapolis & St. Louis Elevator Company, which in 1887 changed its name to Central Elevator Company, of which latter company Mr. Sunwall was one of the principal stockholders and manager. Selling his interest in this concern in 1896, he started the firm of G. F. Sunwall & Co., grain and commission merchants, with offices in the Corn Exchange, and did a prosperous business until 1903, when he sold out and accepted a position with the Minnesota Grain Company, with which, however, he remained only one year, resigning in order to take up his present work, that of "floor" manager and all-around man with the John Miller Company, one of the best-known firms in the Northwest, with offices in several cities.

June 25, 1887, Mr. Sunwall married Annie Elizabeth Kelly, daughter of James Kelly, a merchant of Blakely, Minnesota. To them have been given eight children, of whom seven lived to maturity, namely: Mary Mathilda, now deceased, was the wife of W. J. Byrnes, a veteran of the Spanish-American war; Charles Emmet, Amelie Agnes, Gustaf Enoch, James Oscar, Victor and Katharine.

Mr. Sunwall is one of the oldest members of the Chamber of Commerce, having membership certificate No. 45, acquired in 1882. He and his family reside at 327 East Franklin avenue, he having built the home here in 1887; and they are all identified with St. Stephen's Roman Catholic church. Also he is a member of the Knights of Columbus.

John Edward Thurnell, of Minneapolis, is the city representative of the Oregon Orchard Company, one of the leading fruit raising companies of the Northwest. He is a man of energy and sound business judgment, as well as one of the prominent musicians among the Swedish-Americans of his adopted city. Several years ago he was a resident of Chicago and his people, both in that city and Minneapolis, are enthusiastic admirers of his abilities as a tenor. As a resident of the latter city he has been an active and valued member of the Orpheus and Gustav Adolph singing societies, and also a leader in the secret societies, Svithiod and Vasa.

Mr. Thurnell was born in Kisa parish, Östergötland, September 13, 1869, son of Carl Gustav Nilson and Carolina Samuelson. The father was also born in that place April 15, 1840, and has practiced his trade as a shoemaker there for many years; the mother is a native of Hessleby parish, Småland, Sweden, born May 28, 1840. The children of this union were: Carl Gustaf Anthon Nilson, born in Kisa, November 30, 1867, a shoemaker of that place, married and the father of three children; John E. Thurnell, of this sketch; Ernst August Leonard Nilson, born May 3, 1871, a shoemaker of Linköping, married and has one child; Agnes Carolina Cecilia, who was born May 11, 1873, and married Verner Johanson, a furniture manufacturer of Tranås, Småland; and Axel Gunnar Nilson, born September 30, 1875, a carpenter and unmarried.

John E. Thurnell remained with his parents until he was fourteen years of age, dividing his time between the public school and the shoemaker's bench. He served a regular apprenticeship of four years and a half in Linköping, and then returned to his home in Kisa, where he worked in his father's shop for a year. But, not yet satisfied with his skill, he entered the employ of a shoemaking firm in Jönköping, with whom he remained for six years and then abandoned his trade because of sickness caused by his confining work. At the advice of his physician he sought more active work which would also take him out of doors, and finally became a traveling salesman for the Singer Sewing Machine Company, holding that position for three and a half years. He then accepted positions from other houses which carried heavier responsibilities and

better salaries, and after spending another four years in Sweden as a commercial traveler emigrated to the United States. For some time Mr. Thurnell resided in Chicago, but wishing to become connected with a community which was more distinctively Swedish-American, in 1907 he settled among his enterprising fellow countrymen of Minneapolis, where he has met with a warm welcome and gratifying advancement. He married Eda Josfina Graubom, born in Grenna, Sweden, in 1879, and daughter of Gustaf Graubom, a farmer of that place. Mr. and Mrs. Thurnell have one child, Berthild Oscar Edward, born in Minneapolis, December 2, 1907.

Albin Ahlquist is one of the best-known representatives of the machinists' profession in Minneapolis, which has been his home since 1906. He was born in Gothenburg, Sweden, May 6, 1883, and coming to America in 1903, he lived first in Duluth, Minnesota, and from there came to Minneapolis in 1906. His father, O. L. Ahlquist, born July 2, 1846, is yet living, in the employ of the State Railways Company in Gothenburg, but the mother, *nee* Inga Kristina Berggren, died in 1892, in that city. Their children are: Ernest, with the Falen Engkilda Bank, Falen, Sweden, is married and has a son; Filip is a revenue officer in Gothenburg; and John is an electrotyper in Copenhagen, Denmark.

Albin Ahlquist, the youngest in the above family, attended the public schools of his native city until the age of fourteen, and he then began learning the machinist's trade with the State Railways. After coming to this country he worked for the Twin City Rapid Transit Company for a year and a half, and then entered upon his association with Gus Lagerquist, one of the best-known elevator builders in the Northwest. Mr. Ahlquist married on December 9, 1904, Mary Lansky, from Duluth, and their two children are Lucile and Eleonore, born, respectively, on the 22d of July, 1905, and on the 26th of July, 1907. Mr. Alquist is a member of the Lutheran church, of the Orpheus Singing Society and of the Lyric Society, and he is considered one of the best first tenor singers in the city of Minneapolis. The Ahlquist residence is at 1224 Main street, Northeast.

Frank Emil Moody, D. M. D.—It shows double strength of character to be popular both among those to whom one applies his special professional talents and with his associates in the same field, who, even viewed in the most kindly light, are more or less competitors. To attain such an enviable standing presupposes unusual ability and a conscientious desire to be charitable of mind and treatment, or to fight in open and manly fashion when conflict is unavoidable. The fact, therefore, that Dr. Frank E. Moody, of Minneapolis, who is in partnership with his brother in dentistry, has one of the largest professional followings both among patrons and fellow workers in the city, is proof positive that he is able in his chosen field and strong as a man. In 1900 he was appointed

by Governor Lind a member of the State Board of Dental Examiners for a term of three years, and by the action of Governor Van Sant in 1903 was continued in office for another like term, holding the presidency for three years. During this period, in 1904, Dr. Moody was elected vice-president of the National Board of Dental Examiners. After being successively chosen to all the offices attached to the Dental Alumni Association of the Minnesota University he is still in the presidential chair and is also a director of the General Alumni Association. The doctor is treasurer and has been president of the Gustavus Adolphus Club; is one of the charter members of the Odin Club, in which he has held all the offices except treasurer (president in 1908); has been secretary of the Monitor Republican League, and is a director in the Union State Bank and in several other corporations. Further, Dr. Moody is an active Mason, who has reached high rank in the order, being a member of the various bodies from the Blue Lodge to the Commandery, and has served as Venerable Council (president) of Cedar Camp, Modern Woodmen of America. In his religious faith he is a Lutheran, identified with St. John's church and chairman of the board of trustees.

Dr. Moody, who has not reached his present station in his profession or the general affairs of the community without hard and continuous struggles and not a few drawbacks, is a native of Finnagården, Söraby parish, Småland, Sweden, where he was born on the 5th of March, 1870. His father, who was also a native of that part of the fatherland, John Modig by name, was a manufacturer of furniture and threshing machines there, and his mother (*nee* Louisa Anderson) was born in Lenhofda parish. They became the parents of eleven children, the following seven being alive: Mathilda Carolina, now Mrs. J. A. Lundquist, whose husband is laboratory man in Dr. Moody's office; John Alfred Moody, a farmer located at St. James, Minnesota; Frank E., of this sketch; Andrew G., who is a traveling salesman covering South Dakota; Carl Oscar, also a farmer at St. James; Adolph Fredrik Moody, who is in partnership with Frank E.; and Magnus Ossian Moody, a third agriculturist of the family, located at St. James. After obtaining a partial education in the public schools of his native parish, Frank E. came to the United States with relatives in 1882, or at the age of twelve, and located at St. James. The following year his parents, with their other children, joined him there, and during the succeeding three years he continued his schooling, assisted in the breaking and cultivation of a virgin farm, and varied such occupation by clerking in a local store. But his ambition craved a larger place with its greater opportunities for advancement, and in 1885 he moved to Minneapolis. There he clerked in several large drygoods stores, saving sufficient money to enable him to put himself well along the course of three years which he pursued at Gustavus Adolphus College at St. Peter, Minnesota.

Up to this time Dr. Moody's labors had all been in conscious or unconscious preparation for his professional career, and he now formally

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entered his chosen field by becoming a student in the dental department of the University of Minnesota, from which he graduated with honors in 1896. He at once commenced practice at Minneapolis, where he had already made numerous friends by his evident ability and integrity, as well as by his attractive traits of sociability and whole-heartedness. His business has increased so rapidly that it now requires seven rooms in the Syndicate block, where he employs five experienced assistants, besides having the professional services of his brother and partner. These parlors of Drs. Moody and Moody are handsomely furnished and are also supplied with the latest mechanisms required in the delicate operations of dentistry—a profession so akin to medicine and the maintenance of good health that it is difficult to draw a distinct line between the two, or to exaggerate the importance of dentistry. Master dentists, such as Dr. Moody, are both physicians and surgeons in a special and a very important field.

The doctor's social and domestic relations mark him as a high type of the American citizen; and his married life, like every other phase of human existence, has been flecked by mingled shadows and sunshine. While pursuing his studies at the university he became engaged to a fellow student, Miss Rose Peterson, of Newark, South Dakota. His wife-to-be graduated in 1895 and he himself obtained his D. M. D. in the following year, the marriage occurring June 26, 1897. On April 13th of the following year a son was born to them, Richard Villard Moody. With happy and hopeful hearts the young couple were just about to occupy their beautiful new home on Park avenue, in 1899, when the wife and mother was stricken with a fatal attack of pneumonia. That was the darkest cloud of Dr. Moody's life. Neither man nor woman can live alone in the past, however, and on March 29, 1904, his household was again given a gentle and cultured mistress in Miss Clara Amalia Dahle, daughter of ex-Congressman H. B. Dahle, of Mount Horeb, Wisconsin. His wife was born August 22, 1879, and has become the mother of Harold Jerome, born February 4, 1905, and Marie Louise Moody, born October 1, 1908.

Samuel Edwin Johnson, artist photographer, was born in Stockholm, Wisconsin, March 14, 1878. The father, Samuel Johnson, came to America immediately after the Civil war and located in Chicago. After a few years he emigrated to Wisconsin and bought a farm in Pepin county, where he married Ulrika Farrell and where their first son, Samuel Edwin, was born. As a boy of six or seven years of age, Samuel E. commenced to show tendencies toward the artistic and a desire for drawing, and at the age of ten he had fully determined upon his art career. The parents were poor, however, and could not give the youth any education, but they were deeply religious and kept him to the strict path of duty, laying the foundation of his character in integrity and honor. So after completing his primary courses in the common

school, both in the English and Scandinavian languages, he had to seek his own self-support and education. Between hard work and study he managed to lay the foundation of a fine-grained intellect, keeping close to the study of free-hand art during all his spare moments. The conception of the beautiful effects of light and shade rapidly developed in the young man, but his practical talents, with his intense push and energy, made him realize that his gifts must materialize into a profession for money making. His hoarded dollars, earned through farm and horticultural work, were then utilized to take a course in portrait making and photography. In the fall of 1898 he entered a photographic studio in Lake City, Minnesota, studying under an artist who was well known in the Northwest for fine work at that time, and continuing for a year and a half at that place, where he also completed a course in a business college. Under the necessity of keeping up his finances and also rapidly progressing in his studies his metal was fully tested. By the kind help received from Senator Allen J. Greer, of Lake City, who took a fancy to him and advanced money for his schooling in exchange for work around his place, Mr. Johnson was enabled to continue his schooling. His days were fully occupied from five o'clock in the morning until late at night; but the work was never held as drudgery, as he always maintained a jolly disposition and a kindly nature, thereby smoothing the path, both for himself and others. Mingling also in social circles as the life of the young folks, he maintained his youthful appearance.

In the summer of 1900 Mr. Johnson removed to Minneapolis and secured work and practice in photographic art, making progress which was welcomed by his employers, as he was always ready to assist in the upbuilding of the business and aimed at the highest workmanship in the profession. After a brief vacation in the fall of 1901, he moved to Hudson, Wisconsin, there renting a photographic studio. With only a few dollars in his pocket he received the financial assistance of his younger brother, Franz H. Johnson, in return for learning the business, and the result was the formation of the firm of S. E. Johnson & Company. Their reputation for doing fine work at once spread throughout the town, and their business enterprise blossomed out to such an extent that the seeking of larger fields for activity and study became necessary. With the money saved and realized from the sale of the business at Hudson, Mr. Johnson returned to Minneapolis and worked in a studio through the winter of 1902-03, his brother proceeding with a college education. In the spring of 1903 S. E. Johnson again bought a recently established studio in Minneapolis, on the corner of Washington avenue, South, and First avenue, and founded the firm of Johnson & Anderson. The business met with many drawbacks at first, but its founder could not be discouraged. In the fall, when his brother returned and bought the Anderson interest, the name again became S. E. Johnson & Company.

S. E. Johnson, with his large ambition, was always individualizing and building for the higher in art, both in his business and among his

co-workers. He was an active worker in photographic societies, and in the summer of 1903 was elected secretary of the Northwestern Photographers' Association, comprising five states, which office he held one year. In 1904 he studied at the National Photographers' Association of America, held at St. Louis during the World's Fair. The visit resulted in a great addition to his former knowledge of art, and from that time on he progressed rapidly in artistic accomplishments and stimulated his business to such an extent that his quarters again began to be crowded. In 1906 their exhibition of Grand Art Portraits in the Northwestern Association collection were awarded a gold medal, and since then their work has maintained the highest standard of merit in the Twin Cities. In 1907 the well known Opsahl studio on Sixth street was purchased—one of the most completely equipped photographic institutions in the Northwest. In July, 1909, Mr. Johnson attended the largest convention ever held by the Photographers' Association of America, which was held in Rochester, New York. This was one of the greatest schools and exhibitions of photography ever held in America.

S. E. Johnson, through his fine social qualities and refinement, has gained the confidence of the wealthiest and finest people in social and business circles, who are patrons of his art. His congenial spirit is ever the same, whether he comes in touch with rich or poor, and his large and increasing circle of friends remain permanently attached to him. In its truest sense Mr. Johnson is a self-made man, who has by efforts of thinking and reason individualized his own contour of greatness and mastery of self. His keen knowledge of life from the beginning to the end, comprehends the realms of existence and the true reading of human nature as an absolute factor and positive knowledge. No idle time is left for him, since whatever spare moments come to him are either devoted to pleasure or thinking and study. In his present location his education is reinforced by wide travels, in which he delves always for the foremost in art, ideality and the poetry of the world. His outlook for the future is for the improvement of art in the sense of a glorious achievement in beauty and progress.

Rev. Jonas Gotthold Lagerström, who for the past twenty years has been connected with the lumber business of C. A. Smith & Company, Minneapolis, is a retired pioneer clergyman and missionary of the Swedish Lutheran church, identified, in a noteworthy degree, with the establishment and development of the Gustavus Adolphus College. He was born at Hohult, Elghult parish, Småland, on the 20th of July, 1837, his parents being Jonas Gummeson and Anna Louisa (Johnson) Gummeson, both of Swedish agricultural stock. The mother died in Sweden and the father in the United States, parents of nine children: Lena Stina, Kajsa Louisa, and Karl, all of whom died in Red Wing, Minnesota; Johan, who passed away in Sweden, as a well known organist and school teacher;

Johannes, a farmer of Spring Garden, Goodhue county, Minnesota; Rev. Jonas Gotthold, of this biography; Peter, who died in Sweden; and Anna, who died at Afton, Minnesota, as the wife of Rev. Mr. Forsberg, a Methodist minister.

Mr. Lagerström was educated in the public school of his native parish, confirmed in the Lutheran church and worked on the paternal farm until 1857, when, at the age of twenty, he emigrated to the United States. His two older brothers had preceded them, in company with the renowned pastor, Erland Carlson, to Chicago. Gotthold secured work in the harvesting machine factory at Geneva, Illinois, which carried him over the first winter, and in the following spring he went to Red Wing, Minnesota. There he was employed as a carpenter by old Håkan Olson, and also worked for a time as a stone mason. In 1862 the Gustavus Adolphus College was founded at Red Wing as St. Ansgar's Academy by Dr. Erik Norelius, the first three students of the institution being Jonas Magni, J. S. Nilson and J. T. Lagerström. In the following year the school was moved to Carver, where the last named continued his course until 1864, when he entered Augustana College and Seminary at Paxton, Illinois. While still a student there, shortly before Christmas of 1867, he was called to New York to take charge of the Gustavus Adolphus church, whose condition was then very feeble and uncertain. His hard labors, for which he was paid at twenty-five dollars per month (including expenses), included the building-up of a poor and disorganized parish and mission work at Brooklyn, Hoboken, and at whatever points a few Swedes were gathered. Much of his time was devoted to work among Swedish immigrants. The result was creditable alike to his ability and faithfulness. In 1869 Mr. Lagerström completed his course at Augustana College and Seminary and was called to the pastorate of the Swedish Lutheran church at Moores Prairie (now Stockholm), Minnesota. The place was already well settled by his countrymen and his work so expanded that he eventually founded parishes at Cokato, North Crow River, Dassel, and Swan Lake. Besides having charge of this centralized work, he was a traveling missionary through a large extent of country and neglected no member of the church, or possible convert, within his knowledge. In 1874 he accepted a call to the pastorate of St. Peter, Mankato, and Belgrade and remained over that charge until 1886, when the serious condition of his health forced him to resign. During this period the Gustavus Adolphus College was moved to St. Peter and, as one of the incorporators, director and treasurer of that institution, Mr. Lagerström was prominent in its management and advancement.

When Mr. Lagerström withdrew from the ministry in 1886, he located at Red Wing, where, for three years, he remained with his brother-in-law, G. A. Carlson, a lime manufacturer, acting as his bookkeeper. In 1889 he was called to Minneapolis by another brother-in-law, C. A. Smith, and has ably filled a similar position in his large lumber business ever since.

In 1870 Rev. Jonas G. Lagerström married Miss Magdalena Anderson, who is a sister of Mrs. C. A. Smith, both being daughters of the Swedish riksdagsman, Hon. Olof Anderson. Their father had come to the United States with his family in 1858, locating at Götaholm, Carver county. Rev. and Mrs. Lagerström became the parents of six children, of whom three are living. Lydia Theodora, the eldest, was born September 30, 1871, and is a University graduate and teacher in the East High School of Minneapolis. Ansgarius Thelander, the elder son, was born March 8, 1882, is also the graduate of a university and for one year was instructor at Gustavus Adolphus College. On account of failing health he was obliged to resign and go to California, serving for some time as bookkeeper for the Edison Electric Company at Los Angeles. In 1909 he associated himself with C. A. Smith in the lumber business at Bay Point, California, where he now resides. Cornelius Anselmus, the younger son of Rev. Jonas G. Lagerström and his wife, was born August 7, 1884, completed a four years' course in the high school and three years of engineering in the University of Minnesota. He then went to Biltimore, North Carolina, and, after one year, received his diploma as a forester from the forestry school at that place, being now connected with the lumber business of C. A. Smith Timber Company. The members of the Lagerström family who reside in Minneapolis are all active in the work of the Salem English Evangelical Lutheran church, of which the father has long served as deacon. Their home is at 2310 Emerson avenue, South.

Ernest Spongberg was born March 5, 1881, at Stockholm, Sweden, and received a thorough education, both on the so-called real and the Grecian-Latin lines, at the high school, from which he graduated at the age of seventeen. His parents wanted him to prepare for a lawyer's vocation, but Ernest was not ready to decide immediately, wishing to see a bit of the world first and learn "how the other half lives." So he started out, fresh from the school bench, with a steamer; paid a visit at Teneriffe, Canary Islands, called at Buenos Ayres, Argentine, rounded "the Horn," visited French China and India and returned, strong in body and sound mentally, home via the Suez canal.

During this voyage his receptive mind became charged with varied impressions and with the knowledge of the manners and habits of foreign people acquired in his travels, and he began his career as a productive and entertaining writer. Barely eighteen years old he was already a full-fledged editor of a thrice-a-week paper in a progressive city in the northern part of Sweden. However, he found the field too small for him in a city of the third magnitude only, and the following year we find him as a useful reporter and interviewer for a big daily paper in Stockholm. Since then he has been connected with many other dailies in the same city. Right along he contributed sketches to literary magazines and gradually gained quite a reputation as a clever writer.

Until then the United States had been for him "terra incognita," so he set sail for the shores of this glorious republic and went through all the states along the Atlantic coast. Returning home he was still burning with a desire to travel and set out again the following year on a round-trip to the principal countries of Europe, being all the time correspondent to Swedish papers. In the year 1901 we find him for the second time in America, proceeding as far west as Niagara Falls. His second visit comprised six months only and he hurried back to Stockholm to fulfill his duties as a conscript in the army.

In 1902 he opened in his native town a news bureau, the first of its kind over there, forwarding by means of the phone the latest messages from the capital to rural papers, and everything was well. Then, 1903, the old restlessness came over him, and once more he completed the traveling circuit in Europe and "crossed the big drink" for the third time. He made a specialty of studying the conditions of "the submerged tenth" in New York, Philadelphia, Boston and Chicago, and finally landed in Minneapolis, Minnesota, where he was engaged as associate editor of *Svenska Folkets Tidning*. For one year he succeeded in dispelling all thoughts of further roaming about the world, but at the lapse of twelve months he turned his face westward and located in Seattle, Washington, and attempted there something novel, viz.: the publishing of *Scandia Bulletin*, a wide-awake English weekly for the Scandinavians on the Pacific coast. Under his stay in Seattle he had almost been picked by the directors for the Portland Fair, 1905, as the most suitable person to advance its cause in and stimulate participating from the Scandinavian countries, but at the last minute the directors decided not to send any special commissioner over.

He was just about to settle down for good in the prosperous city by Puget sound when the traveling microbes began to gnaw his intestines anew, so he sold the paper with great profit, moved to San Francisco and planned his second trip around the globe. In the fall of 1905 the preliminary arrangements were completed and he boarded a ship destined for Japan. This is the route he followed: Hawaii Islands, Samoa Islands, Tahiti, Japan, China, New Zealand, Australia, Africa, Gibraltar—and arrived at Stockholm the very same day San Francisco was destroyed by earthquake and fire, thus giving him an excellent opportunity to picture for the public the aspect of the beautiful city before the terrible disaster occurred.

Five weeks' stay in his native town was sufficient for him; then the old longing to get back to America got hold of him and for the third time he made a lightning trip to the capitals of the Old World: London, Paris, Vienna, St. Petersburg, Berlin, Amsterdam, Brussels, etc., and afterwards made a dash for—Minneapolis, Minnesota, with whose respected and enterprising Swedish paper, *Svenska Folkets Tidning*, he was connected as associate editor until the spring of 1910, when he accepted a position with *Svenska Amerikanska Posten*.

Mr. Spongberg is a true cosmopolitan; he feels just as much at home in London, Paris or Berlin, as he does in Stockholm or in Minneapolis, and can derive the same pleasure from the company of an Irishman, German or a Frenchman as he can from associating with his own countrymen. Although a young man, he has had a vast experience in the journalistic field, from a literary point of view and with regard to the technical side of the publishing business, and he is quite a linguist, possessing a reading knowledge of eight languages and being able to converse in a few of them. He is satisfied with travel for the time being, but in the future very likely will circumnavigate our terrestrial habitation once more.

CHAPTER XXIII.

THE SWEDES OF ST. PAUL.

In her book, "The Homes of the New World," Fredrika Bremer, who visited St. Paul in 1850, writes: "We sped rapidly past an Indian village, Kaposia, coming up the Mississippi river. The water was here as clear and deep as our own river Göta Elf, and the next moment taking an abrupt turn to the left, St. Paul was before us, standing upon a high bluff on the eastern bank of the Mississippi; behind it the blue arch of heaven, and far below it the great river, and before it, extending right and left, beautiful valleys with their verdant hill-sides scattered with wood—a really grand and commanding situation—affording the most beautiful views. We lay-to at the lower part of the town, whence the upper is reached by successive flights of steps, exactly as with us on the South Hill by *Mosebacke* in Stockholm. Indians were sitting or walking along the street which runs by the shore. Wrapped in their long blankets they marched with a proud step, and were, some of them, stately figures. Just opposite the steamer, and at the foot of the steps, sat some young Indians, splendidly adorned with feathers and ribbons, and smoking from a long pipe which they handed from one to the other, so that they merely smoked a few whiffs each.

"Scarcely had we touched the shore when the governor of Minnesota, Mr. Alexander Ramsey, and his pretty young wife, came on board and invited me to take up my quarters at their house. And there I am now; happy with these kind people, and with them I make excursions in the neighborhood. The town is one of the youngest infants of the great West, scarcely 18 months old, and yet it has, in this short time, increased to a population of two thousand persons, and in very few years it will certainly be possessed of twenty-two thousand, for its situation is as remarkable for beauty and healthiness as it is advantageous to trade. Here the Indians come with their furs from that immense country lying between the Mississippi and the Missouri, the western boundary of Minnesota, and the forests still undespoiled of their primeval wealth and the

rivers and lakes abounding in fish, offer their inexhaustible resources, whilst the great Mississippi affords the means of their conveyance to the commercial markets of the world, flowing, as it does, through the whole of Central North America down to New Orleans. Hence it is that several traders here have already acquired considerable wealth, while others are coming hither more and more, and they are building houses as fast as they can.

"As yet, however, the town is but in its infancy, and people manage with such dwellings as they can get. The drawing-room at Governor Ramsay's house is also his office, and Indians and workpeople, and ladies and gentlemen, are all alike admitted. In the meantime, Mr. Ramsay is building himself a handsome, spacious house, upon a hill, a little out of the city, with beautiful trees around it, and commanding a grand view over the river. If I were to live on the Mississippi I would live here. It is a hilly region, and on all hands extend beautiful and varying landscapes; and all abounds with such youthful and fresh life.

"The city is thronged with Indians. The men for the most part go about grandly ornamented, and with naked hatchets, the shafts of which serve them as pipes. They paint themselves so utterly without any taste that it is incredible. Sometimes one half of the countenance will be painted of a cinnamon-red, striped and in blotches, and the other half with yellow ditto, as well as all other sorts of fancies, in green, and blue, and black, without the slightest regard to beauty that I can discover. Here comes an Indian who has painted a great red spot in the middle of his nose; here another who has painted the whole of his forehead in small lines of yellow and black; there a third with coal-black rings around his eyes. All have eagles' or cocks' feathers in their hair, for the most part colored, or with scarlet tassels of worsted at the ends. The hair is cut short on the forehead, and for the rest hangs in elf-locks or in plaits on the shoulders, both of men and women. The women are less painted, and with better taste than the men, generally with merely one deep red little spot in the middle of the cheeks, and the parting of the hair on the forehead is dyed in purple. They have a kind smile and often a very kind expression; as well as something in the glance which is more human; but they are evidently merely their husbands' beasts of burden."

In our sketch of Jacob Fahlström it was mentioned that the first Swede Fahlström met, after the separation from his uncle, was a tailor from Skåne by the name of John Peterson, whom he ran across at St. Paul. Peterson's intention was to remain in St. Paul, but, on the invita-

tion of Fahlström, he accompanied him to his home in Afton, where he liked the land so well that he decided to settle there. He moved to Afton in 1852 and was the second Swede in that settlement. N. P. Ofelt, who later moved to Vasa, Goodhue county, and has furnished Dr. E. Norelius with information concerning the first Swedish settlers in St. Paul, did not mention John Peterson's name, so it seems probable that Peterson had moved away from St. Paul before Mr. Ofelt's coming there. Ofelt was born in Färlöf, Kristianstad's Län, and emigrated to America in May, 1852, landing at Boston July 27, of the same year. In his company from Sweden were Johan Johanson, with three children, from Östergötland; a shoemaker from Lund, by the name of Swen Rosenquist, with family; another shoemaker, Nils Nyberg, from Färlöf, and Carl Bjärstedt from the same place, both bachelors. In Boston they were joined by Henry Russel (Rosell) and family. Russell lived twelve years in Boston, where he landed as a sailor. He was a high-class tailor and became wealthy. His wife is still living. A man by the name of Tidlund with family, from Vestergötland, also followed. He had come over the preceding year. Russell and Tidlund were tailors by trade. In Chicago the company was increased by a tailor from Vestergötland by the name of Ringdahl and another man from the same province, P. M. Anderson, who had come to America the year before. All those now set out together for St. Paul and remained there during the first winter. To Ofelt's knowledge there were only two Swedes ahead of them in St. Paul, namely, Nils Nilson from Östergötland, or "the doctor's Nils," as he was called, because of his being the hired man of Doctor Sweeney, of Red Wing, and A. J. Ekman, who had been a business man in Gothenburg. Ekman died in 1856. In the same year (1852) Ofelt also met Jacob Fahlström, who said he had then been here twenty-seven years and been married twice, both times to Indian women.

In 1853 quite a number of Swedes arrived, most of them from Östergötland. Among those new-comers Mr. Ofelt remembered Johan Johanson, a tailor from Umeå; a carpenter, John Johnson, who later removed to Galesburg, Illinois, and a minister, C. P. Agrelius. Through his influence Tidlund and Johnson became zealous Methodists.

It is quite possible that Rev. J. Unonius at the time of his visit at Chisago Lake, in 1852, also met the Swedes in St. Paul for religious purposes; but it is a well-known fact that the Methodist preachers Agrelius and Tidlund had been working there before any Swedish Lutheran minister had visited the place.

The first child born of Swedish parents in St. Paul, now Mrs. Selma Christensen, of Rush City, is the daughter of Col. Hans Mattson's sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Willard.

Rev. P. Carlson visited St. Paul in 1862 and it took him nearly three hours to find the aforesaid Swedish tailor, Johan Johanson. He preached the fourth Sunday of the Advent in a dance-hall belonging to "Railroad" Erikson. This hall was new and was going to be opened during the following week in connection with a saloon. Rev. Carlson, who was an ardent Christian, is very strong in his condemnation of such an unchristian undertaking by one of his own countrymen. His sermon and prayers there seem to have been rewarded and heard, as when he a few months later visited St. Paul he did not even find the building, which had been swept away by fire or torn down.

The first Swedes in St. Paul lived in the vicinity where the first Swedish Lutheran church is now located. Later comers settled in "Svenska Dalen" (the Swedish Dale), on Phalen creek. This dale extends from Seventh street to Hamm's brewery. Very few Swedes are now living in the dale, having moved up to the Arlington hills, where Payne avenue is an almost exclusively Swedish street. The Swedes commenced to settle on the hills about twenty-five years ago. Of course they are now scattered all over St. Paul, where a number are to be found on the fashionable St. Anthony Hill.

In 1877 Rev. A. P. Montén came from Philadelphia to St. Paul, having in his company a young Swedish nobleman, Herman Stockenström, who became well known both in the journalistic and political fields of the Twin Cities.

Stockenström was born at Stjernsund, Dalarne, March 13, 1853. He was educated in the college at Falun, the gymnasium at Stockholm and at the Schartau Mercantile Institute at Stockholm. In 1877 he went out as a sailor, landing at Philadelphia, where he met Rev. Montén, who persuaded the young man to accompany him out west. He studied some time for the ministry at Augustana College, Rock Island, Illinois, and became editor of the Swedish newspaper *Skandia* in Moline. In the fall of 1877 he came to St. Paul and studied at the University of Minnesota a couple of years. From 1879 to 1881 he was editor of *Skaffaren* in St. Paul and until 1884 editor and manager for the consolidated *Skaffaren och Minnesota Stats Tidning*. In 1884 he became manager and editor for the northwestern edition of *Hemlandet*, with which paper he was connected eleven years. He was deeply interested

in politics and was elected delegate to two state conventions and a number of county conventions. In 1886 he was a strong candidate for the office of secretary of state, but at the last moment stepped aside in favor of Col. Hans Mattson, who upon taking charge of the office appointed Stockenström assistant secretary of state and statistician. In 1889 he was reappointed by Col. Mattson and in 1891 appointed by Secretary of State F. P. Brown, who reappointed him in 1893. He served in all eight years as assistant secretary of state. During this period during the protracted absence of the secretary he was acting secretary of state. In the spring of 1896 he became the successor of Ninian Werner as editor of *Svenska Amerikanska Posten*. He was married to Miss Anna Maria Nelson, a daughter of Martin and Christine Nelson, St. Paul. Stockenström died in 1905.

In St. Paul, as in other cities, there are a large number of branches or lodges of societies which have originated in other states. It is not our purpose to take up our space with them. There is, however, one Swedish society which originated in St. Paul, namely, Svenska Bröder (Swedish Brothers). This is not in the least related to a society with identical name and object in Minneapolis, but is perfectly independent. Svenska Bröder was organized March 4, 1895, with fifteen members. Its first officers were: John Blomquist, president; C. Tunberg, vice-president; A. Lindahl, secretary; N. H. Lineer, treasurer. The first directors were: T. A. Lundberg, C. A. Peterson, C. J. R. Bergström and August Degerberg. The present membership (1910) is 474. The object is to assist sick members and in case of death to defray burial expenses. The society has paid over $30,000 benefits and has a cash balance on hand of $4,000. Consisting mostly of members residing on Arlington Hill, it meets the first Monday every month in Woodman Hall on Payne avenue. As to entertainments the society has held a few picnics and has yearly banquets. The present officers are: John Blomquist, president; Alfred Fredlund, vice-president; A. Lindahl, secretary; V. C. Sundberg, treasurer. The directors are: Charles A. Olson, James Blomquist, John Hanson and Patrik Johnson.

In politics the Swedes of St. Paul have taken active interest during the last fifteen years. Mr. A. P. Croonquist, an old settler, has been a member of the board of education; J. G. Elmquist has been both in the state legislature and city assembly (as the board of aldermen is called). O. Arosin has been county treasurer and served in the assembly. J. Aug. Nilsson has been in the legislature and custodian of the court-

house; Bernt Anderson, now editor of *Minnesota Stats Tidning,* was state dairy commissioner under Gov. Knut Nelson; Andrew Holm has served in the legislature and A. Dahlquist in the city assembly. The list is probably much longer. On the police force there are a large number of Swedes, as well as in the fire department. In the state capitol the Swedes are very prominent, from the governor and superintendent of public instruction all the way down to the janitor. In the city and county offices there are also several Swedes appointed.

Frank Johnson.—The wealth and standing which have come to Frank Johnson, of St. Paul, and which have made him a leader in the great mining industries of the Lake Superior region, are the results of years of hardy investigations backed by a splendid confidence in the country and his own ability to uncover a noticeable portion of its vast mineral wealth. Born in Axtorp, Varola parish, Skaraborgslän, Småland, in the year 1861, Mr. Johnson is a son of Jonas Jonson and wife. His mother died when he was only five years of age and in 1869, when he was eight, his father emigrated to the United States with the other children and located on a farm near Willmar, Minnesota, where he died in 1906. Frank, who was the fifth of the seven children, remained on the homestead until he was fifteen, helping his father and attending the settlement school. This was the sole source of his book learning, but he left the school room to plunge at once into the adventurous and invigorating life of an explorer in the far northwest of the United States and Canada.

At the period mentioned, when in his sixteenth year, Frank Johnson joined an exploring party, and for the succeeding fifteen years traveled through the northwestern states, British Columbia and far into the Arctic regions, north of Greenland, being for eighteen months in the employ of the Hudson Bay Company. His chief investigations were devoted to the mineral indications of the country north of Lake Superior, and bore real fruit in 1887, when he made the first discoveries of iron ore in that region. From time to time he bought land within the area of his thorough and practical investigations until he had acquired six thousand four hundred acres. This tract formed the basis of The Johnson Nickel Mining Company, which he organized in 1894, with a capital of $1,000,000 and himself as president and principal stockholder. As a slight "pointer" to probable property value, the fact is advanced that sixty-four acres were tested with diamond drills sunk to a depth of ten hundred and seventy feet, with the result that about forty million tons of ore were in sight. Mr. Johnson is also president of the Parry Sound Copper Mining Company, limited, of Ontario, organized in 1900 with a capital of five million dollars and land holdings of two thousand acres. The rock taken from this property assays from two and a half to sixty-five per cent pure copper, the deposits are being actively developed and the company expects soon to erect its own smelter by which the profits of the output will be greatly

increased. Mr. Johnson has also large individual holdings in northern Minnesota and the west. With the pronounced success of the Nickel Mining Company he evidently decided that he was quite ready to resign his old-time position as a restless explorer and settle down to a more fixed and domestic life, and on October 21, 1896, married Miss Marie Anderson, who is a native of Falköping, Sweden, born in 1875. This harmonious union has resulted in four children: Elva, born June 24, 1897, who is attending school and has shown promising talents as a vocalist and musician in general; Frank, born May 5, 1903; Mary, born February 5, 1904, and Andrew, born September 14, 1906. The adult members of the family are members of the Swedish Lutheran church. The magnificent homestead, which comprises a beautiful modern residence, a flourishing orchard and handsome grounds, covering six acres, is situated at Forest Lake, a few miles from St. Paul, where Mr. Johnson is thoroughly enjoying the results of his labors and foresight not only in personal comforts and luxuries, but in the bestowal of his means and affection upon his family and friends. He owns a large amount of other property in the vicinity and, on all hands and in all ways, is considered among the leading representatives of the Swedish-Americans of the Twin Cities.

Mr. Johnson has six brothers and sisters in the west, all prosperous and honored in their various communities. The oldest Alfred Wahlstrand, is a retired farmer living south of Willmar, Minnesota. A. W. Grant is a retired captain and steamboat owner, who long plied the Mississippi and now resides at Port Barron, Illinois, and August Johnson, the third in birth, was for twenty years a member of Roundlund and Johnson, among the largest of the mercantile firms of Willmar, where he is living in retirement. Herman Johnson, long an active and successful farmer of Falun township, Kandiyohi county, Minnesota, has also retired, while Frank Johnson, of this sketch (fifth in order of birth), might retire a dozen times over, but has no desire to do so. As to his two younger sisters—Hilda married Alfred Linderholm, a banker, merchant and prosperous business man of Belgrade, Minnesota, and Josie (half sister) became the wife of Peter Nelson, a commission stockbroker of St. Paul.

Charles E. Nyberg, alderman of the First ward, St. Paul, Minnesota, is of Swedish birth but has been identified with this country for a period of twenty-five years, nearly the whole of this time having been spent in St. Paul. He was born March 31, 1865, at Nerke, Sweden, son of Charles Nyberg, who was for about twenty-five years a soldier in the regular army of Sweden and who is now on the retired list. In 1884, equipped with a public-school education obtained in his native land, Charles E., at the age of nineteen, emigrated to America, and upon his arrival here settled first at Wilkesbarre, Pennsylvania, where he found work in the coal mines and where he remained about two years. From there he came to St. Paul, Minnesota. Here he was for a time variously

employed and finally became associated with Deebach Bros., who gave special baths and massage treatments, and was with this firm twelve years, becoming expert in this line of work. In 1902, he engaged in the plastering business, as a contractor, and has by his excellent work built up a reputation that extends not only throughout St. Paul and vicinity, but also into other states, he having had contracts in numerous cities.

Mr. Nyberg has for several years been interested in local politics. In 1904, he was the candidate of the Democratic party for alderman in the First ward, and while this ward is strongly Republican and no Democrat had ever before been elected in it, Mr. Nyberg received a good majority of the votes cast and twice has been re-elected, at present serving his third term. He is a Royal Arch Mason, a member of the Modern Woodmen, the Swedish Brothers, the Red Men, and the Druids. Religiously, he is a Lutheran.

In 1890, Mr. Nyberg married Annie L. Lawson, and they have seven children: Arthur, Robert, Earnest, Elmer, William, Taylor and Ester.

Professor Emil Anderson, a prominent musician and violin teacher of St. Paul, was born near Malmö, Sweden, November 15, 1870, and is a son of Jeppa and Hanna Anderson. Of their nine children, seven are living, and four are residents of the United States. Emil Anderson begun his education in the noted, Paulson private school, and later attended the collegiate high school at Malmö. He has played on the violin since reaching the age of eight, and spent many years in study of this instrument. Mr. Anderson came to the United States at the age of sixteen, proceeding to St. Paul, where he spent some time with his father's friend, A. E. Johnson, land and ticket agent, until able to find employment. He secured a position in a real estate office, and after that worked in various positions, at the same time continuing to study and practice music, and took lessons of the great orchestra leader, Prof. Frank Danz, Jr.

Professor Anderson returned to Sweden in 1893, and studied music five years at the Royal Conservatory at Stockholm, being under the instruction of eminent teachers, such as Prof. Johan Lindberg, violin specialist, Professor Bergen in theory of music, and the piano specialist, Professor Carl Anderson. After his graduation he spent some time with various orchestras, and in 1899 returned to St. Paul. He became connected with the noted Johnson School of Music, at Minneapolis, and gave lessons on the violin both there and in St. Paul; he has made his home in the latter city since his return to the United States, and his studio is now in the Philipsborn Building, at the corner of Seventh and Cedar streets. Professor Anderson several years ago travelled all over the northwest as bass and violin soloist with the famous Arpi Quartette, and he and Oscar Anderson, the St. Paul tenor singer, are considered the best singers of Wennerberg's Gluntarne in the northwest. He is now at the head of the violin department of the College of St. Catherine and St. Agatha's Conservatory of Music and Art, where he supervises teach-

ers and classes. His unusual talent has made his presence an honor to any gathering, and he has many friends and admirers. He belongs to the Norden Club.

Professor Anderson married, in 1903, Carine Lucinda Paradis, born in St. Paul, of French parents, who died about a year and a half later, giving birth to a daughter, Carine Eugenia, born June 19, 1905, who is being reared in a private family.

Dr. Robert O. Earl, president and surgeon of the Mounds Park Sanitarium and surgeon of the Bethesda Hospital, as well as a general practitioner of medicine and surgery in St. Paul, was born in Allamakee county, Iowa, on the 27th day of August, 1872, his parents being Peter Olson and Johanna Anderson Earl, the former a merchant of Minneapolis. In their family were eight children, of whom five are now living. The family removed from Iowa to Minneapolis when Dr. Earl was ten years old, and he continued his studies in the public schools of that city, while later he entered the University of Minnesota to prepare for the practice of medicine. He took the complete course and was graduated from the medical department in 1896, since which time he has continuously followed the profession, and his ability has found recognition in the liberal patronage accorded him. He practices along modern scientific lines and keeps in touch with the progress of the profession by his membership in the Ramsey County Medical Society, the Minnesota Medical Association and the American Medical Association.

Dr. Earl's offices, which are located in the Endicott Arcade Building on Robert street, are equipped with all modern facilities for careful diagnostic work. Though a young man, he occupies a prominent position in the ranks of the medical fraternity, being a recognized leader in the Northwest. In 1905 he was appointed by the legislature as one of the three commissioners of the State Hospital for crippled and deformed children. He also is a member of the board of directors of the anti-tuberculosis committee. He is vice-president of the St. Paul Park Board, on which he has served for nine years. As a director of the East St. Paul State Bank and president of the Scandinavian Savings Bank he has become a factor in financial circles.

On the first of June, 1900, Dr. Earl was married to Miss Clara Swanstrom, daughter of a pioneer of Minnesota, and they now have two children, a daughter, May Lillian, and a son, John Robert. They have a handsome residence on the East Side, and hold membership in the Baptist church.

Dr. Earl is a member of the Montgomery Lodge, A. F. & A. M., and is the president of the East Side Commercial Club. His interest in community affairs is deep and sincere and he gives active and hearty coöperation to movements for the general good inasmuch as the labors of his profession will permit. The enterprise and activity which have been dominant factors in the business life and substantial upbuilding of

Robert J. Earl.

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the middle west are manifest in his professional career, leading him onward to successful accomplishment in a calling where "success and merit go linked together."

ANDREW JOHN CARLSON, a successful contractor and builder of St. Paul, was born in Rydaholm, Småland, Sweden, March 25, 1865, and is a son of Hakan and Kajsa Carlson, both deceased. They were parents of five children, four of whom are living. All received their education in the public schools and were confirmed in the Lutheran church.

Andrew J. Carlson worked on his father's farm until he reached his majority. In 1888 he emigrated to America, locating at St. Paul, where he worked two years at the trade of carpenter; he then removed to West Superior, which place was then growing rapidly, and worked there three years, and then, the boom of the city having subsided, returned to St. Paul. A year later he started in business on his own account, as contractor and builder, having an office on Sibley street. Later he moved to Jackson street, and finally to his present location, 417 Sibley street. Besides his business in the line of house building, Mr. Carlson has a factory for the manufacture of store and office fixtures, and has also met with unusual success in this line, having built up a prosperous business. Besides his residence at 603 Magnolia street, Mr. Carlson owns two residences in Merriam Park. He is a member of the Norden Club.

ANDREW HOLM was born in Klackamala, Eringsboda parish, near Ronneby, Sweden, November 26, 1853, and is a son of John and Ingelof Holm, who lived on a farm, both now deceased. Their eight children were: George, a farmer at Stark, Minnesota; Andrew; Frederick, Frank and Alfred, deceased; Annie, lives in St. Paul; Elina and Otto Julius, both deceased.

Andrew Holm was educated in the public schools of his native parish and confirmed in the Lutheran church, and at the early age of twelve years was apprenticed to learn the trade of tanning, spending two years at Ronneby and three at Carlsham. In 1872 he emigrated to America, and came by way of St. Paul to his family, who had settled at Stark, Minnesota, in 1868. He did not work at his trade after coming to the United States, but spent his time at first in the lumber camps in winter and at the saw-mills at Stillwater in the summer, until 1877, when he embarked in railroad contracting business on a small scale, which he continued until 1883; in that year he came to St. Paul and there engaged in the hotel business. Mr. Holm has always taken an active interest in politics, and in 1898 was elected a member of the Minnesota Legislature, being re-elected two years later. He spends his summers with his parents, at Chisago Lake. He has a large circle of friends, and is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, of the Ancient Order of Druids,

Vega Literary Society, Fraternal Society of Moose, and of the Norden Club.

Mr. Holm married, in 1885, Amanda Olson, who died in 1886, giving birth to a daughter, Amanda Albertina, who died at the age of seven months. He married (second) in 1889, Tillie Dahlberg, who was born in Ronneby, Sweden, and came to Center City, Minnesota, with her parents. Their union has been blessed with one daughter, Mabel, born March 11, 1893; she has been educated in the public schools of St. Paul, and has taken a course in the agricultural department of the University of Minnesota. The family resides at 543 Canada street, and attends the St. Sigfrid's Episcopal church, of which they are members.

Johnson Brothers, manufacturers of bank and office fixtures, etc., have met with success in their enterprise from the time of its beginning in 1878. They have been close companions from childhood, proceeding together to many different cities, and have always been mutually affectionate. They were born in Krogsered, Halland, Sweden, and are sons of Johannes and Johanna Petronella Nelson, who both died in America. Charles Johnson was born October 24, 1843, and his brother Henry October 24, 1846. They had one brother and two sisters, of whom all survive save one sister.

Charles and Henry Johnson had few educational advantages, and at the age of ten years had to commence work. Charles removed to Denmark when eighteen years old, to learn the trade of cabinet-making, and a year later was joined by his brother Henry. In Copenhagen they learned the trade, becoming thoroughly masters of it, and at the same time supplemented their education by study in industrial schools. After spending about eight years in Copenhagen, they came to America, locating at Philadelphia, where for eight years they worked at their trade, and in 1878 removed to St. Paul. They at once embarked in business on their own account, under the name of Johnson Brothers, and after four years took in as partner a Mr. Loomis, changing the name to Johnson Brothers & Loomis. Twelve years later the firm dissolved partnership, the two brothers then organizing under the name of Capital City Furniture Company, under which they are now doing business. They are very enterprising in their manner of doing business, and are well known for integrity and promptness in filling orders. They have had large contracts for bank fixtures and high grade interior finish and furniture, having furnished same in every state from Indiana to the Pacific Coast, and their work has been highly commended by all who have had occasion to inspect it.

Charles Johnson resides at 83 Como avenue. He married, in 1881, Augusta Carlson, born in Småland, Sweden, and they have five children, as follows: Sophie, a school teacher; Nellie, also a school teacher; Anna, who died in 1895; Clarence; and Carl.

Henry Johnson has been twice married, first, in 1873, to Hanna

Bjorkman, of Christianstad; she died in 1883, leaving two daughters, Clara, born in Philadelphia, married Bruce D. Youells, a banker of Casselton, North Dakota, and Julia S., a book-keeper and stenographer in her father's office. Mr. Johnson married, second, in 1885, Ida Sophia Johnson, born in Småland, Sweden, and they have one daughter, Florence A., who is a school teacher in St. Paul. Mr. Johnson is a member of the Norden Club. They reside at 332 Central avenue, West.

Axel T. Sundberg.—A prominent and successful business man of St. Paul, Axel T. Sundberg is well known throughout the city for his many interests, being, in partnership with his brother, Victor C. Sundberg, proprietor of three well-kept and finely-managed drug stores. A son of Peter Sundberg, he was born, May 10, 1874, at Lake City, Minnesota, coming from excellent Swedish ancestry.

A native of Sweden, Peter Sundberg emigrated with his family to the United States in 1869. Locating at Lake City, Minnesota, he has since been actively and prosperously engaged in the shoe trade, being numbered among the successful business men and respected citizens of that place. To him and his wife, whose maiden name was Johanna Peterson, four children were born, as follows: Victor C.; Axel T.; Hilma, deceased; and Edith A.

Attending the graded and high schools of Lake City, Axel T. Sundberg obtained a practical knowledge of the common branches of study, fitting him for a business career. Soon after his graduation from the high school, he became assistant postmaster at Lake City, and filled that position of trust and responsiblity for four years, rendering good service. Subsequently learning the drug business, Mr. Sundberg opened a drug store in Lake City, where he continued for four years, meeting with much success in his venture. Coming then to St. Paul, he established himself as a druggist at No. 329 East Seventh street, in the employ of John Bodin & Co., in 1897, and there built up a substantial trade. He next opened a drug store at Dale street and Selby avenue, continuing there four years. He then became a stockholder in the Bodin-Sundberg Drug Co., and in 1908 opened a drug store at No. 879 Rice street. The business is now incorporated under the firm name of The Bodin-Sundberg Drug Company, and is one of the largest and most prosperous of the kind in this part of Ramsey county. Wide-awake and progressive, these gentlemen spare neither time nor expense in their efforts to please and meet the demands of their many patrons, in each of their stores keeping a select stock of goods, and at all times paying close attention to the proper compounding of prescriptions brought to them to be filled.

Mr. Sundberg married, June 22, 1904, Hattie E. Sandell, a daughter of John Sandell, a highly respected business man of St. Paul, of whom a brief biographical sketch may be found elsewhere in this work. Two children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Sundberg, namely: Evadne E.,

whose birth occurred June 18, 1905; and Theodore Leroy, born July 4, 1908.

Arvid William Lindberg was born May 17, 1875, in Stillwater, Minnesota, and is the son of John D. and Johanna (Anderson) Lindberg, both born and educated in Sweden. John D. Lindberg became a farmer in his native country, and in 1872 emigrated to the United States, locating at Stillwater, later moving to Dakota and still later to Superior, Wisconsin. He is a Republican in his political views and has held several minor appointive and elective offices; he has served six terms of one year each as superintendent of the poor farm of Douglas county, Wisconsin, which fact speaks well of his faithful performance of the duties imposed upon him in filling the office.

Arvid W. Lindberg acquired his education in the country school and high school of Milbank, South Dakota, and since he reached the age of sixteen years has made his own way in the world. He worked in various places and at different occupations until 1898, when he became employed as assistant manager in a wholesale grocery house at Superior, Wisconsin, where he spent three years. He then removed to St. Paul and became identified with the firm of Foley Brothers & Kelly, one of the largest grocery firms in the Northwest, beginning as shipping clerk; a year later he was made city salesman, and is a leader among the salesmen of the establishment. He has become an expert in his line, and has acquired a reputation for his success; in the course of his travels he acquired a large circle of friends and acquaintances among the people with whom he does business. He is actively interested in several social and fraternal societies. He is affiliated with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, having passed through the chairs of the subordinate lodge of which he was a member before taking a transfer to St. Paul Lodge No. 2, being probably the youngest man in the state of Wisconsin to officiate in the lodge as noble grand, as he was but twenty-three at that time; he is a member of the Encampment and has served as lieutenant of the Canton. In 1893 he became a member of the local council of United Commercial Travellers of America, and in March, 1909, was elected to the office of senior counselor of the local council. He has served as vice-president of the City Salesmen Association of St. Paul, is a member of the St. Paul Commercial Club, and also belongs to the East Side Commercial Club. He has always taken an active interest in politics and is a supporter of the Republican party. Mr. Lindberg is a devout member of the Swedish Lutheran church at Merriam Park, St. Paul, where he owns a handsome residence.

Mr. Lindberg married, January 7, 1904, Alma S., daughter of Anders Anderson; she was born in Sweden, and received her education in the public schools of her native country and of Superior, Wisconsin. She is a member of Degree of Rebekah and of the Swedish Lutheran church.

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Carl G. Schulz.—The Superintendent of Public Instruction of the State of Minnesota, whose name heads this article, was born in the town of New Sweden, Nicollet county, Minnesota, March 13, 1867, and is the son of John and Anna Schulz, both natives of Sweden, who came from Dalsland to Minnesota, in 1865, and settled on a farm in Nicollet county. Carl Schulz received his primary education in the public schools of his native county, and later attended Gustavus Adolphus College, at St. Peter, for a period of four years, and then entered Augustana College, of Rock Island, Illinois, from which he graduated in 1888.

His first occupation in life was teaching, and he began in the district schools of Minnesota, and after several years spent in this way was appointed principal of the schools at Winthrop, Minnesota, where he served one year in this position. In January, 1890, Mr. Schulz was appointed superintendent of schools of Nicollet county, succeeding Judge Gresham, and while occupying the position his ability and success were appreciated to the extent that at the next election he was elected to the position, and filled it for some years, being re-elected several times, until his appointment, in January, 1901, to the office of Assistant Superintendent of Public Instruction in the state, which he filled eight years. He received his present appointment in January, 1909. At the convention of the Department of Superintendence, National Educational Association, in March, 1910, Mr. Schulz was elected secretary. Mr. Schulz has made a careful study of all the subjects and affairs under his supervision, and his administration of them has been distinguished by careful and conscientious service to the public interests. He has served for twelve years as a member of the Board of Directors for the Gustavus Adolphus College, at St. Peter, having been secretary and treasurer, and is now acting as president. In political affairs he has followed the dictates of the Republican party, and takes an ardent and active interest in all public affairs. He is a member of the English Lutheran church.

July 1, 1893, Mr. Schulz married Emma J. Carlson, of St. Peter, daughter of Nels J. and Mary (Olson) Carlson, born in Vestergötland, Småland, Sweden, and they have one daughter, Marion, born October 28, 1896.

Bergstedt Brothers.—The members of this firm are two brothers, Victor and Edward Bergstedt, both born in Nysund parish, Vermland, Sweden, Victor February 19, 1872, and Edward November 7, 1873. Their parents, August and Mariana Bergstedt, still live on the old homestead, in the parish mentioned above, one-half of which is in the province of Nerike and the other half in the province of Vermland. There were four sons and one daughter in the family, of whom Victor, Edward and John Alfred reside in America, and Carl Emil and Augusta in Sweden. All received their education in the public schools and were confirmed in the Lutheran church.

Victor Bergstedt came to St. Paul in 1891, and became a clerk in a wholesale house; his brother Edward followed a year later, and learned the trade of carpenter. They started business on their own account in February, 1897, as manufacturers and jobbers of cider and cigars, and afterwards became jobbers in soda fountain supplies and later took up the manufacture of soda fountains. They are both energetic and enterprising, and conduct their business in a creditable manner.

Victor Bergstedt is unmarried; he is most of the time occupied in selling the firm's output on the road, and belongs to the Illinois Commercial Men's Association, United Commercial Travellers' Association, Minnesota Commercial Men's Health Association and the Norden Club.

Edward Bergstedt married, October 10, 1900, Julia Wilhelmina, daughter of Peter J. and Emma Wilhelmina Holmberg, who had lived for some years in St. Paul, and they have five children, namely: Marian Wilhelmina, born August 22, 1901; Harriet Elizabeth, born March 23, 1903; Walter Edward, born March 30, 1905, and died May 14, 1909; Milton Victor, born November 18, 1906; and Laura Julia, born April 15, 1909. The family are members of St. James' English Lutheran church, of which Mr. Bergstedt was elected trustee and deacon in January, 1908. He belongs to the Modern Woodmen of America, Swedish Brothers, United Commercial Travellers, and the Norden Club.

Borge Collander, a successful coal and grain dealer of St. Paul, was born June 11, 1854, in Sweden, and is the son of Carl and Anna Collander. He received his education in the public schools of Sweden, and at the age of fourteen was thrown on his own resources. He was employed several years as servant, and in 1884 emigrated to the United States; after spending a few months in Pittsburg and Alleghany City, Pennsylvania, he removed to St. Paul, where he first found employment in the work on the Clarington Hotel, then being erected. He served a year as porter in this hotel, then spent two years as coachman, and afterwards spent three years in the employ of Gorden & Ferguson, merchants in St. Paul.

Mr. Collander's first independent enterprise was in the teaming business, at first using but one team, and later he formed a partnership with Otto Peterson, dealing in coal, wood, grain and hay, the location being Payne avenue. They continued in business eight years, and then dissolved partnership, at which time Mr. Collander carried on the business alone, and is now one of the best known dealers in the First ward in this line. He has a reputation for honesty and integrity, and by his industry and thrift has established a lucrative trade.

Mr. Collander married, June 4, 1883, Carlena Johnson, and they have three children, namely: Hilma E., Bertha E. and Ernest. They had also a son Alvin, who died at the age of five years. For many years Mr. Collander has been an active member of the Lutheran church of the East Side, serving over eight years as treasurer and twelve years as trustee.

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Dr. Ernest G. Sterner, a rising young physician of St. Paul, was born in Småland, Sweden, October 31, 1882. His father was a carpenter and builder, and emigrated to the United States in 1891, locating at St. Paul, where he made a permanent residence. Ernest G. Sterner began his education in Sweden, later attended the public schools of St. Paul, and then entered the Northwestern University of St. Paul. He studied medicine for some time in the office of Dr. Lundholm, of St. Paul, one of the most prominent and able physicians in the state. In 1901 he entered Hamline University, of St. Paul, from which he graduated in 1906, and the same year passed the examination of the State Board and was admitted to practice. He spent three years as assistant to Dr. Lundholm, which further fitted him for the independent practice of his profession, and in March, 1909, opened an independent office at Rice street and University avenue, where he has established a growing practice. He is enterprising and progressive, and his prospects are promising for making a name for himself in medical circles. He is unmarried.

Dr. Sterner is a member of the American Medical Association, Minnesota State Medical Association, Ramsey County Medical Society, Twin City Physicians' Club, and is a member of the surgical staff of Bethesda Hospital, of St. Paul. He also belongs to the Brotherhood of Yeomen.

Gust Peterson, a wholesale dealer in cider and cigars, of St. Paul, was born August 19, 1862, in Sweden, and is the son of Peter Peterson. He attended the public school in his native country and later the agricultural school, after which he became book-keeper in a mill and rose to position of manager. In 1888 he emigrated to the United States, locating first at Chicago, Illinois, where he learned the trade of painter. Later in the same year he removed to St. Paul, where he engaged in business on his own account, and took contracts for painting. He was an expert at the trade, and soon built up an extensive patronage. However, he was ambitious, and began to do business in a small way in another line, the firm being called Twin City Cider & Cigar Company, and when he had built it up to warrant his action, he abandoned painting and turned all his energies in the direction of his new enterprise. He manufactures the cider by what is known as the "process" method, and sells only at wholesale, employing several travelling salesmen. He is enterprising and progressive, and does a constantly increasing business.

Mr. Peterson is a member of the Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, the Improved Order of Red Men, the Moose order, Swedish United Sons of America, East Side Commercial Club, Modern Protective Association and Royal League. He lives in the First ward, where he is quite popular in social circles, and has a large circle of friends.

Carl Otto Erickson, the well-known photographer at 171-3 East Seventh street, St. Paul, was born in Grasmark, Vermland, Sweden,

August 9, 1875, and is a son of Anders and Martha Erickson. His father, who was a miller by occupation, died several years since, and his mother still resides in Sweden. They had eight children, of whom the following seven survive: Hanna, the oldest, married Mr. Paulson, of Brecke, Jemtland; Christine, a widow, resides in Brecke; Maria Elizabeth, unmarried, lives in America; Johan August, an engineer, lives in Bergen, Norway; Erick Wilhelm, also an engineer, lives in Clarkia, Idaho; Anders Gustaf, a mechanical engineer, is located in Sundswall, Sweden; and Carl O., the youngest.

After acquiring his education in the public schools and being confirmed in the Lutheran church, Mr. Erickson left his native country for America, when he had reached the age of seventeen years. He settled first at Duluth, but removed to Marquette, Michigan, where he learned the art of photography and remained three years. He then removed to St. Paul, and worked two years for Algot Anderson, after which he opened an independent studio at 93 East Seventh street, and a year later removed to his present location. He is a thorough master of his art, and his business acumen, combined with his natural taste in the line of his vocation, have served to give him a growing patronage. He belongs to the Norden Club, East Side Commercial Club, and with the other members of his family, to the Gustavus Adolphus Lutheran church. They reside at 493 Maryland street.

In 1900 Mr. Erickson married Josephine Blomquist, of Froskog parish, Dalsland, Sweden, who came to America in 1893. They have one daughter, Esther Josephine, born July 21, 1904.

Charles W. Swanson, proprietor of the Summit Club Livery, at 240 Selby avenue, St. Paul, was born March 19, 1867, in Sweden, and is the son of Carl J. Swenson, a farmer. Carl J. Swenson came to the United States some thirty-five years ago, remaining about five years, after which he returned to Sweden, which has since been his place of residence.

The son was educated in the public schools of his native country, after which he spent some years working on the farm. In 1888 he embarked for the United States, locating at St. Paul, where he found employment in the livery stable of W. Burden, where he remained about two years, and then spent some time as coachman for General H. H. Sibley, of St. Paul. Subsequently he removed to Shipaway county, Minnesota, where he spent five years cultivating a farm, after which he removed to Maynard, Minnesota, where he carried on a hotel and livery business for six years with pleasing success. Upon selling out his interests at Maynard he settled in St. Paul, and started business at his present location, having now one of the best equipped stables in the city. He has all modern conveniences and vehicles, and is prepared on short notice to furnish whatever is required for all occasions, such as funeral, wedding

and opera calls. Besides the livery business he is engaged quite extensively in teaming.

Mr. Swanson married, April 16, 1891, Annie Larson, of St. Paul, who was born and educated in Sweden, and they have one child, Edith Agnes, now a student in the high school.

Frank L. Gustafson, a successful florist of St. Paul, was born March 7, 1870, in Sweden, and is the son of Gustaf Johnson, who was a farmer. Frank L. Gustafson acquired his education in the public schools of his native country, and worked for some time as farm hand and clerk in a grocery store; subsequently he spent four years learning the trade of gardener and florist. In 1892 Mr. Gustafson emigrated to the United States and located in St. Paul, where he found employment as florist in the employ of A. Swanson, with whom he remained about a year and a half. He then took the position of foreman for L. L. May, in the same line of business, and remained with him for several years.

In 1905 Mr. Gustafson embarked in business on his own account, and at the present time has one of the best establishments of the kind in the city; he not only has a large and lucrative patronage in St. Paul, but also does a large mail order business, and ships goods some distance. He is located at 904 Dale street, one of the old garden spots of St. Paul, and here Christ Hanson conducted a florist business for a number of years. The greenhouses contain forty thousand square feet of glass. Mr. Gustafson is enterprising and progressive, and has many fine and rare plants, and in all his dealings has shown such honesty and integrity as to bring him a reputation for giving his customers the value of their expenditures. He belongs to the Modern Woodmen of America, Royal Arcanum, Swedish Brothers of America, and the Lutheran church.

Mr. Gustafson married, October 30, 1897, Alma Nelson, born and educated in Sweden, and they have two children, namely: Elvera Dorothy, born April 17, 1900, and Evald Leonard, born July 2, 1903.

Andrew Dahlquist, a restaurant and hotel-keeper of St. Paul, was born in Värna parish, in the Province of Östergötland, Sweden, November 30, 1853, and is a son of Lars and Gustafva (Ekman) Nelson. After acquiring his education in the public schools and being confirmed in the Lutheran church, Mr. Dahlquist went to work on the government railroads, and in the course of four years learned the trade of stonecutter. He then became a conductor on the railroad, and remained in that capacity two years. Later he worked at his trade in the machine works of Bolinder & Co., of Stockholm, Sweden, at the time the firm was building an addition to the works. Subsequently he removed to Enköping, where he entered the employ of Lindeberg & Carlson, contractors, who built a hotel in that city.

Mr. Dahlquist emigrated to the United States in 1878, landing in New York, and from there he went to St. Joseph, Missouri, where for two years he worked as stone cutter for a railroad, and in 1881 removed to St. Paul. Here he found employment as stone cutter for the State of Minnesota, which erected the old capitol building. In the fall of the same year he was sent by the Northern Pacific Railroad to Portland, Oregon, as foreman for the stone work on their machine works, and he remain in that position until June 16, 1884, at which time he returned to St. Paul and engaged in the hotel and restaurant business, which he has since continued. He maintains a good establishment, and has met with pleasing success.

Mr. Dahlquist takes an active interest in public affairs and politics, and in 1890 was elected alderman from the Third ward of St. Paul, the richest ward of the city, and served two terms, during which time he introduced a bill for building a public market. This bill was passed, and by the expenditure of $440,000 St. Paul has now the largest market in the northwest. Mr. Dahlquist has also taken an active part in improving railroad facilities and wholesale houses, has had a number of streets paved and the lighting improved in his ward. He has always lent his support to work for the worthy poor, and when the forest fires at Hinckley destroyed property in that region Mr. Dahlquist donated a considerable sum for the alleviation of suffering, and for a long time cared for the orphans and widows of nine families. He is a member of the Order of Druids, Order of Eagles, Loyal Order of Moose, Vega Literary Society and the Druid Ladies' Circle.

Mr. Dahlquist married, in 1887, Emma Christina Anderson, who was born near Jönköping, in 1862, and came to America in 1877. To them have been born four children, of whom three are living, namely: Ellen Christina, born August 7, 1888, is a stenographer and book-keeper; Signe Gerda Maria, born June 15, 1891, is learning millinery, and Andy Leonard, born July 15, 1896, is a student. One son is deceased. The family resides at 542 Sibley street, and they are members of St. Sigfrid's Swedish Episcopal church.

Axel Nystrom.—A man of prominence and influence in business and social circles, Axel Nystrom holds an assured position among the leading citizens of St. Paul, and has for many years been a dominant power in the development and promotion of its industrial prosperity. A son of Lewis G. Nystrom, he was born on the parental farm in Sweden, November 19, 1856, and in his native country was bred and educated.

After leaving the public schools, Axel Nystrom completed the regular course of study in the School of Building Instruction, after which he served an apprenticeship at the builder's trade, at which he subsequently worked as a journeyman for a few years. Emigrating to the United States in 1880, Mr. Nystrom located at Braddock, Pennsylvania, where he found employment at his trade with the Andrew Carnegie Company.

Coming from there to St. Paul in 1882, he worked at his trade for various firms for a period of three years. Starting in business on his own account in 1885, he has since won a commanding position among the leading contractors of this vicinity, confining himself not exclusively to city work, but frequently taking large contracts in neighboring cities. Mr. Nystrom is known far and wide as one of the most popular and progressive contractors in his line of work, which is now almost entirely confined to stone and brick work, in this part of the state, and his services are in constant demand.

On November 11, 1879, Mr. Nystrom was united in marriage with Anna Helen Olson, who was born and educated in Sweden. She died, March 7, 1881. Mr. Nystrom was married to Hannah Maria Nyman on June 3, 1882, and into their home three children were born, namely: Harry A., born August 26, 1884; Edward W., born June 18, 1886; and Clifford M., born December 21, 1888. Harry A. died January 3, 1898. Edward W. and Clifford M. were educated in St. Paul, being graduated from the grammar school and in one of St. Paul's business colleges. Clifford M. is now a stenographer for a large manufacturing concern, and Edward W. is in business in St. Paul as a jeweler and watch-maker. Mr. Nystrom is very active and prominent in Masonic circles, being a Knight Templar and a member of the Mystic Shrine; he is also a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, belonging to the lodge in which he is a past grand, and is also a member of the Encampment, and the Patriarchs Militant. He is a member of the Swedish United Sons of America; and of the Modern Samaritans. Both Edward W. and Clifford M. belong to the Masonic order.

Professor Olof Valline, of St. Paul, is generally one of the most popular Swedish-Americans of Minnesota. He is a native of Vanneberga, Trolle-Ljungby parish, Sweden, born on the 3rd of November, 1847, to Ola and Elna (Hanson) Swenson. The father was a carpenter by trade, and the son received his education in the public schools and under private instructors in Lund. As it was evident from an early period that his tastes were decidedly musical, Olof was sent to Åhus, at the age of twelve years, to take lessons on the piano and organ, this being preparatory to entering the Royal Conservatory of Music at Stockholm. Two years at the latter institution, however, exhausted the funds of the young man, now well advanced as a student, so that in the fall of 1868 he was obliged to leave the more expensive capital city and move to the university town of Lund, near his home town. There he continued his musical studies under the renowned choirmaster and organist of the cathedral, Gnospelius. One year of this fine training enabled him to pass the regular examination for that position himself, and from 1869 to 1872 he spent as an organist and leader of singing societies.

In 1872 Professor Valline married Miss Hilma Josephina Liljeblad,

a school teacher and daughter of the well known organist and choirmaster of Fulltofta, Skåne, and the young couple at once emigrated to the United States, settling at Moline, Illinois, in May of that year. Their wedded happiness was of short duration, for the wife died after eleven months in childbirth, the infant daughter only surviving six months. During his six years at Moline, Professor Valline taught music and lead the choirs of the Swedish Lutheran churches in that city and at Rock Island, and upon moving to Red Wing continued a like career there. A few years of busy and creditable professional work in the latter city was followed by a change of residence to St. Paul, where he was employed in the branch book store of the Engberg-Holmberg Publishing Company of Chicago, as well as by its successor, K. A. Wallén. The two years thus spent terminated his connection with the book business, and since then he has been continuously identified with the profession for which he has been so thoroughly fitted and to which he is so naturally adapted.

Since 1891 the professor has served as the leader of the Swedish singing society Vega, and to his enthusiasm and inspiration are almost entirely due its rapid advancement and splendid present standing. His talents have not only been recognized by its members, in personal acknowledgment, but upon several noteworthy public occasions. On November 3, 1907, upon the occasion of his sixtieth birthday, he was honored with a surprise party at Vasa Hall, St. Paul, where his friends and admirers crowned him with a laurel wreath in recognition of his mastery of Swedish music and song. When the great Swedish opera singer, Carl Frederick Lundquist, visited the Twin Cities, Professor Valline was selected as leader of the great chorus, comprising the singing societies, Vega, of St. Paul, and Orpheus, of Minneapolis.

Alexander Lindahl.—Many of the most thrifty and successful business men of Ramsey county were born and reared on the other side of the Atlantic; and to Sweden especially is Minnesota indebted for some of her most enterprising and prosperous citizens. Prominent among this number is Alexander Lindahl, a well-known watchmaker and jeweler of St. Paul, located at No. 910 Payne avenue. He was born, in 1860, in Lund, Sweden, a son of Sven Johan Lindahl, who was a blacksmith by trade. His father married Christina Richter, and of the six children born to them two died in infancy, and four are now living, as follows: Johan, of Malmö, Sweden, is a machine inspector on the State Railroad; Christian, a blacksmith, resides at Eslof, Sweden; Alexander, the special subject of this brief biographical sketch; and Christopher, of St. Paul, Minnesota, is a clerk in the office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction at the Capitol.

At the age of fifteen years, having completed the course of study in the public schools of his native city, Alexander Lindahl entered the employ of Sven Lundin, a prominent watchmaker of Lund, and after

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serving an apprenticeship of four years received, at the age of nineteen years, his diploma as a competent watchmaker journeyman. The following year he worked at his trade in Lund, and then, in 1881, emigrated to this country, locating first in Chicago, Illinois, where he spent eighteen months, working for different firms. Removing from there to Crystal Falls, Michigan, in 1883, he resided there two years, keeping busily employed. In 1885 Mr. Lindahl established himself as a jeweler and watchmaker in St. Paul, and in the time that has since elapsed has here built up a large and constantly increasing patronage, his skill and ability, and his honest, upright dealings, attracting customers from the city and its suburbs, and winning him the position of watch inspector for the Chicago, St. Paul, Minneapolis & Omaha Railway Company.

Mr. Lindahl married, in 1887, Hanna Aplin, of Vestergötland, Sweden, and into their home eight children have been born, two of whom, Ebba and Russell, died in infancy, and six are now living, namely: Edith, a teacher in the public schools; Fritz, learning the watchmaker's trade with his father; Olga and Einar, students in the St. Paul High School; and Mildred and Elmer, attending the graded schools.

Taking a deep interest in the public welfare, Mr. Lindahl served the city as alderman from 1894 until 1898, and since 1903 has been a member of the Board of Education. He belongs to numerous fraternities, being a member of the blue lodge of Masons; of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows; of the Modern Woodmen of America; of the Modern Samaritans; of the Swedish United Sons of America; of the Swedish Brothers, of which he is secretary; and is also a member of the East Side Commercial Club. The family residence is at No. 757 Case street.

Olof Seaquist, a well-known merchant tailor of St. Paul, was born in Grasmark parish, Vermland, Sweden, September 5, 1857, and is the son of Nels and Christina Person; the former died in 1908 and his widow still resides in Vermland. They had a family of ten children, all still living, and four of them are residents of the United States.

Mr. Seaquist received his education in the public school of his native parish, and was confirmed in the Lutheran church, thereafter being apprenticed to learn the tailoring trade at Thorsby. Two years later he removed to Stockholm, where he further perfected himself in his art, and remained in that city five years. In 1880 Mr. Seaquist emigrated to the United States, landing in New York, and spent two years working at his trade in Brooklyn, at first working at sewing, and later as assistant cutter. He removed to St. Paul in 1882, and there spent sixteen years in the employ of John Sandell, a prominent and successful merchant tailor, where he worked in the capacity of cutter. He first entered into the business on his own account in 1898, locating in the Merchants' Hotel, in St. Paul, and since that time has enjoyed excellent success and has built up a lucrative custom. He is thorough

master of the trade, and his honesty and integrity are shown in all his dealings. Mr. Seaquist is unmarried, and is a member of the Norden Club.

Gustaf R. Anderson, a popular tonsorial artist of St. Paul, was born November 30, 1864, in Orebro, Sweden, and is the son of Johan Gustaf Reinhold and Maria Anderson. His father was a skilled organ builder, and was connected with the renowned firm of Zetterquist & Son, of Orebro. After receiving his education in the public schools of his native parish and being confirmed in the Lutheran church, he started at the early age of fourteen years to learn the trade of barber. After attaining his majority he served two years in the Swedish army, and then worked a few years at his trade. He then removed to the United States, spending some time in Brattleboro, Vermont, from where he went to Worcester, Massachusetts, and in 1888 removed to Minneapolis, where he worked at his trade for some time; he then opened a shop on his own account, being located three years in the New York Life Building, and for another three years in South Minneapolis. In 1895 he removed to St. Paul and began business at his present location August 1 of that year. He is a skilled barber, and an enterprising business man, so that he has met with success in his undertakings. Socially he is a member of the Swedish brothers, of the Modern Woodmen of America, and of the Norden Club. He was one of the first members of the Orpheus Singing Society of Minneapolis, and of the Vega Singing Society of St. Paul. In 1908 he removed, with his family, to his new residence at 1142 Marshall avenue.

Mr. Anderson was married, in 1901, to Miss Moline, of Nora, Westmanland, Sweden, born in 1877, and they are the parents of two children, Anders Rudolph, born July 5, 1902, and Elsa Maria, born February 8, 1907.

Nels Sandell, a well-known merchant of St. Paul, was born in Fryksande parish, Vermland, Sweden, January 14, 1845, and is a son of Nils and Maria (Johanson) Nilson, both now deceased. They were farmers and kept an inn, these inns furnishing board and lodging, also means of transportation to the next inn, where there are no railroads, and they are under the regulation of the government as to service and prices. Of the five children of Nils Nilson four are living, Nels and John in St. Paul, and Marit and Maria on the old homestead in Sweden.

Nels Sandell received his education in the public school, and afterwards helped with the work on his father's farm and the work of the inn, and being a young man of considerable enterprise, at the same time kept a general merchandise store on his own account. He served the required two years with the Swedish army, and in 1868 emigrated to the United States; he settled in Minnesota, where he worked two years for a river contractor, and then opened a general store in Jordan, Scott county. In

the spring of 1882 he sold out his interests and removed to St. Paul, where in the fall of that year he again embarked in business. He is an energetic and keen business man, and conducts his affairs with integrity and honest dealing. He is a member of the Ancient Free & Accepted Masons, blue lodge, is also a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, Druids, Working Men's Association, and belongs to the Norden Club.

Mr. Sandell married, in 1867, in Sweden, Carolina Johnson, who was born in the same parish as himself, and their six children are: George, born March 29, 1871; Oscar, born April 13, 1873; Anna Matilda, born May 1, 1875; Albert, born January 4, 1878; Hilda Rovina, born February 26, 1885, and Walter William, born February 28, 1890. George, Oscar and Albert are in business; Anna Matilda and Hilda Rovina, the latter a music teacher, reside with their parents, and Walter W. is studying at the University of Minnesota. George was married, March 4, 1903, to Margaretta Aurillia Baier, of Jordan, Minnesota, and they have two children, Urana Alice, born December 21, 1905, and George Albert, born May 5, 1908. George Sandell is a member of the Norden Club. Oscar was married, June 16, 1903, to Anna S. Grote, of St. Paul, and they have two children, Ethel, born April 14, 1904, and Paul, born October 30, 1905. Oscar Sandell is a Blue Lodge Mason, member of the Order of Druids, United Commercial Travelers, Norden Club and East Side Commercial Club, of St. Paul. Albert Sandell is also a member of the Norden Club. The family of Nels Sandell reside at 1209 Ashland avenue, and are members of St. Sigfrid's Swedish Episcopal church.

Hans G. Johnson.—Having begun on a low rung of the ladder of attainments, Hans G. Johnson has, by close application, untiring energy, and diligent use of his faculties and opportunities, proved himself a useful and worthy citizen, and is now carrying on a substantial grocery business at No. 915 Arcade street, being the leading grocer in that part of St. Paul. A son of John Swanson, a farmer, he was born, June 15, 1852, in Sweden, which was his home for nearly three decades.

After leaving school Hans G. Johnson worked on the parental homestead until 1881, when he determined to make a decided change in life. Coming to the United States, he crossed the country to Minnesota, and in St. Paul found work in a saw mill operated by the Omaha Railroad Company. At the end of the summer he visited his brother, Rev. N. J. Brink, pastor of a Lutheran church, with whom he spent the following winter. Returning then to this city, he was employed a few months in street grading, after which he purchased an outfit and followed teaming for about a year. Selling his team, Mr. Johnson went back to his brother's home, where he devoted much of his time to the study of the English language. When he had become sufficiently familiar with the new tongue, he again came to St. Paul, and for three months was clerk in a wholesale grocery. Not liking the confinement indoors, he resigned,

and accepted a position as delivery clerk in the retail grocery of John Blom, with whom he remained from 1884 until 1890. The following nine years Mr. Johnson, in company with August Lundquist, was engaged in the grocery business at No. 915 Arcade street. The partnership was dissolved on October 1, 1899, and Mr. Johnson has since continued the business alone, at the same old stand. He is enterprising and progressive, taking wise advantage of every opportunity to attract and increase his patronage, keeping his shelves well stocked with a superior assortment and quality of goods found in first-class groceries of a large city, and has here built up a thriving and remunerative business.

Mr. Johnson married, June 28, 1884, Bettie Johnson, of St. Paul, who was born and educated in Sweden, and they are the parents of two children, namely: Joseph H., born April 26, 1885, married Della Sandell, of St. Paul, and they have one child, Harry Theodore; and Ruth Amelia, born June 20, 1892. Since 1881 Mr. Johnson has been a devoted member of the First Swedish Lutheran church, and has always taken an active part in its work. He was for twelve years a deacon in the church; was vice-superintendent of its Sunday School for three years, and one of its teachers for twenty years; has served as treasurer of the Mission, and was three times a delegate to the Conference.

Otto Pearson.—Numbered among the enterprising and prosperous business men of St. Paul is Otto Pearson, of No. 937 Payne avenue, East, who has here built up a thriving trade as a dealer in meats and provisions, his market being one of the best and most attractive in the vicinity. A son of Nels and Anna Pearson, he was born, September 15, 1870, in Sweden, where he spent his days of boyhood and early manhood. His father, who is now retired from active pursuits, his name being on the pension list, was for many years a public official, being what is called in Sweden an agriculture inspector.

Leaving his native land in 1888, Otto Pearson crossed the Atlantic in search of remunerative employment, coming to St. Paul, which was even then the home of many of his countrymen. The ensuing six years he labored industriously at any honorable work, and being naturally prudent in his expenditures and wise in his savings, accumulated considerable money, comparatively speaking. Starting in business for himself in 1896, Mr. Pearson opened his present market, on Payne avenue, and in its management has been very successful, having established a large and lucrative trade, and in the meantime having won the confidence and esteem of the community by his manly, upright dealings.

On September 20, 1901, Mr. Pearson married Anna Toren, who was born and educated in Sweden, being a daughter of Nels Toren, now of St. Paul. Mr. Pearson is interested in various fraternal organizations, belonging to Montgomery Lodge, No. 258, F. & A. M.; to Jewel Chapter, R. A. M.; to the Modern Woodmen of America, and to the Swedish

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Brothers. He is also a member of several insurance societies. Religiously he attends the Methodist Episcopal church.

Carl A. Hallenberg.—The dominant factors in the accumulation of wealth in this competitive age are of necessity men possessing a rare combination of business qualifications, although they may not be strictly classed with the world's financiers. Prominent among the number is Carl A. Hallenberg, of Minneapolis, whose industry, thrift, sound judgment, and keen foresight have won him success in his career. A son of Anders and Hanna (Suneson) Hård, he was born, October 12, 1837, on the estate Fåglasång, in Hallaryd parish, Småland, Sweden, coming from distinguished ancestry.

Mr. Hallenberg is a nephew of the renowned Professor Jonas Hallenberg, who was born in the same place, in 1748, and died in 1834. Professor Hallenberg was a man of culture, especially interested in historical research, and for his contributions to Swedish literature received, during the later years of his life, the title of Royal Privy Councillor, and was elevated to the rank of nobility. His most notable work was "The History of the Kingdom of Sweden During the Reign of Gustavus Adolphus the Great," a work which is considered one of the greatest treasures of the historic literature of Sweden, although he did not live long enough to fully complete the history.

After his confirmation, Carl A. Hallenberg began life for himself as a clerk in a general mercantile establishment, remaining thus employed until attaining his majority. Having in the meantime acquired a practical knowledge of the business, he then opened a general store in Fagarhult, Kalmar province, where he remained three years. Moving then to the village of Nybro, he was there engaged in mercantile pursuits for four years. In 1867, wishing to broaden his scope of action, Mr. Hallenberg came to this country, and after traveling in different parts of the United States for a year, looking for a favorable location, he settled in St. Paul, where he resided during the ensuing ten years. During that time he filled a contract for laying a part of the first water mains in the city, the water being brought from Lake Phalen. On the completion of the water works, in 1870, Mr. Hallenberg started a drayage and express business, at the same time opening a hotel. These lines of industry proved almost as lucrative as contracting had been, enabling him, in 1877, to take with him to Fargo, North Dakota, a comfortable sum for investment. There, purchasing a large house, he opened a hotel and restaurant, which he managed most successfully. As his business grew, and money accumulated, he invested in lands, buying or selling farms as the case might be, and in addition bought city property, farm lands in Minnesota, and bank stock, having at one time been a director in the Moorhead (Minn.) National Bank, but later selling his stock in that institution.

During the disastrous conflagration of 1893, in Fargo, Mr. Hallenberg lost a large part of his properties, among them being his hotel.

With characteristic enterprise, however, he had rebuilt two of his business properties within sixty days. The fire materially changed his plans, as he and his wife, intending on that very evening to leave Fargo for a trip to Sweden, were forced to unpack their baggage and forego their expected European visit. Instead of rebuilding his hotel, Mr. Hallenberg opened a real estate, land and farm loan business, which he conducted with profit for many years, accumulating property of great value. He also owns, and occupies, the large apartment building "Elsinore," at the corner of Chicago avenue and Eighteenth street, Minneapolis; his real home, however, being in Woodland Park, Moorhead, Minnesota.

Mr. Hallenberg has been twice married. He married first, in 1866, Johanna Charlotte Johanson, who was born at Sandvik, near Vimmerby, Sweden. She died in 1899, and her body is interred in the Riverside Cemetery, in Fargo, North Dakota, a beautiful resting place for the dead. Eight children blessed their union, six of whom are living, namely: Selma Johanna Matilda, wife of Dr. Albert W. Skelsey, a well-known physician and surgeon of Fargo; Edla Hanna Christina, wife of Thomas D. Stack, a noted lawyer and city judge of Walhalla, North Dakota; Oscar, one of the leading druggists of Fargo; Albert, a successful dentist in Fargo; Herbert, practicing law in Fargo; and Victor, at present a student in the University of Pennsylvania. Mr. Hallenberg married, second, in 1905, Edla Hanson, who was born at Norra Tång, Söderåkra, province of Kalmar, Sweden. Although he takes no active part in political affairs, Mr. Hallenberg, during his earlier residence in St. Paul, served as United States marshal, and was appointed immigrant agent by Governor Pillsbury.

John Bodin.—That success is by no means accidental is manifest in a review of the lives of those who have attained to positions of independence in professional and commercial callings. It becomes apparent upon such study that certain essential qualifications were present and constantly utilized in the direction of a fixed purpose. Willingness to work, persistence, the faithful performance of every duty, honesty and ambition to rise—these among other qualities will be found predominating in those who are meeting with prosperity and controlling business interests. The elements of success are inborn, and St. Paul numbers among its business coterie many who, on the merits of their innate powers, have gradually worked their way from comparative obscurity to places of prominence in its commercial circles. Among such deserving mention is John Bodin, who for thirty years had been one of St. Paul's leading druggists. He entered into rest October 30, 1906, leaving behind him an enviable record.

Mr. Bodin was born in Sweden, January 14, 1842. The public schools of his native land afforded him his educational advantages and, having completed his studies, he remained amid his Alpine surroundings until he had reached his twenty-fifth year, or until 1867, when he sailed

for the United States. Impressed with the reports of exceptional opportunities offered in the new world to those wishing to enter any of the various callings, he became imbued with the idea of casting his lot on American soil and his ambition was gratified when he landed in the United States. Upon his arrival he located in St. Paul, where he secured employment with a wholesale drug firm, Noyes Bros. & Cutler. The value of his services in his first position is apparent from the fact that he remained with the employer by whom he was engaged for eleven years. Quick of perception, bright and particularly observant, this lapse of time was well utilized, so that he became thoroughly familiar with every detail of the business. In 1878, feeling confident that his knowledge of pharmacy was adequate to justify him in conducting business on his own account, he opened a drug store at No. 329 East Seventh street, which was his stand for a period of thirty years. Successful from the outset, through his unwearied industry and solicitation to please his customers, he became one of the most popular and prosperous pharmacists in the city. For seventeen years he conducted the business alone, but, owing to its increasing business he took V. C. Sundberg as a partner in 1895, the firm being known as John Bodin & Company. Following the partnership he opened another establishment, and at the time of his death operated a drug store on Payne avenue and at the same time continued business at the old stand, No. 329 East Seventh street. After his death his wife became a member of the firm. The members of the company incorporated in January, 1909, and the firm is now known as the Bodin-Sundberg Drug Company, and opened up another store on Rice street at that time. The business is constantly increasing and it is one of the most reliable and largest drug firms in St. Paul.

On the 9th of February, 1877, Mr. Bodin was united in marriage to Miss Helen Sammelson, daughter of Frank and Johanna Sammelson, of Vasa, Goodhue county, Minnesota. Her parents were born and educated in Sweden, coming to the United States when quite young. Mrs. Bodin was born at Geneva, Illinois, but was later taken by her parents to Vasa, where she was reared and educated. To Mr. and Mrs. Bodin were born nine children: Emil, whose birth occurred in 1879, died May 8, 1883; Hannah, married Edward Bjorklund in 1906; Frank, married Martha Hawkinson in 1908; Amelia; Ruth; Edith; Mamie; Carl; and Erwin.

Politically Mr. Bodin was a Republican. While he took active interest in party affairs, exerting his influence in behalf of the election of Republican candidates, he never desired nor sought public office as a reward for his services. He was prominently identified with the Swedish Lutheran church, having for over thirty years officiated as a member of the church board and served for the same period as a deacon. His conduct ever in the keeping with the tenets of his religious faith, he sustains an unassailable reputation, while as an honorable business man he commanded the respect of all who knew him and was one of St. Paul's substantial commercial factors and worthy citizens.

JOHN PETERSON.—The subject of this sketch occupies a prominent place among the leading Swedish-Americans of Minnesota. Successful in business, prominent and popular in political, educational and religious affairs, John Peterson, of St. Paul, is entitled to special notice on the pages of this work.

Mr. Peterson is a native of Kil, Vermland, Sweden, and was born July 6, 1841, son of Peter and Carrie (Karin) Johnson, farmers. In the Peterson family were five children, namely: Anna (deceased), Stina Kajsa, Per, John and Erik Magnus, who were educated in the public schools and confirmed in the Lutheran church.

After his confirmation John was apprenticed to the trade of carpenter, and for a number of years followed this trade. He was employed in the work of building station houses and bridges on the line of the government railroad. Afterward he worked at Lesjofors, north of Filipstad, and, in 1863, at Sundsvall, in northern Sweden, he helped to erect the fine public school building, which subsequently was destroyed by fire. After this he went back to railroad work and covered much important work at various places, including the building of the railroad station at Charlottenberg, on the boundary between Sweden and Norway. He was later made superintendent of construction of railroad bridges for the Swedish government.

In 1869, America, with its many advantages for a young man's advancement, appealed to Mr. Peterson, and that year he left his native land and took up his abode in Minnesota. Like most of his countrymen who landed here, he was glad to accept the first employment that offered. In his case it was grading on the line of the railroad being built from St. Paul to Sioux City, which is now a part of the Northwestern system. The following summer he worked in the harvest fields near Rochester, and in the fall he returned to railroad work, this time as a sub-contractor on the Winona & St. Peter Railroad. In 1871 he became a member of the firm of C. J. Larson & Company, with which he was associated until 1888, when it was dissolved, and during that period of eighteen years he was actively identified with the building of many hundred miles of railroad in the Northwest. In the meantime he became interested in stone quarrying and building, in partnership with Mr. Fred Widell, of Mankato, with whom he was associated several years. Also, from time to time, he has been identified with various other enterprises, which he has pushed to success. He has conducted extensive farming operations in northwestern Nebraska, and in northern Minnesota has had large investments in live stock. Since its organization he has served as director of the Nicollet National Bank of St. Peter, where he settled on coming to the state, and he has been president of the Northwestern Publishing Company of St. Paul, and vice-president of the *Svenska Folkets Tidning* of Minneapolis.

Politically Mr. Peterson is a Republican. For years has given his influence and much personal service to advance the best interests of his party, many times serving as delegate to congressional and state conven-

tions. Several years he was a member of the Central Committee and of the Second Congressional district. In 1894 he was elected to the Minnesota State Senate, in which he served with credit to himself and his constituents. Three times he was appointed a member of the Board of Trustees of the State Hospitals for Insane, twice by Governor Merriam and once by Governor Nelson. For fifteen years, from 1881 to 1896, he was a member of the City Council of St. Peter, and for two years was its president. He was appointed to his present position, that of collector of customs for the district of Minnesota, in December, 1897; took charge of the office on February 1, 1898, and has filled the same acceptably ever since.

Educational and religious matters also have claimed much of Mr. Peterson's time and attention. For more than twenty years he served as a director of Gustavus Adolphus College of St. Peter, and for many years was its treasurer. In his church, the Swedish Lutheran church, he has served for many years as a member of the Council.

In 1873 Mr. Peterson married Miss Fredrika Elizabeth Lundburg, who died in 1908, leaving him with a family of seven children: Agnes L., Adolph C., Bernard R., Hjalmar N., Mabel F. C., Vernon J. C., and Russell F. G.

John Calander, a manufacturer of St. Paul, was born in Herrestad, Karda parish, Småland, Sweden, January 29, 1857, and is a son of Johan and Kajsa Peterson. His father was a farmer and builder and died at the age of eighty-one years and his mother at the age of ninety-one years. Mr. Calander was one of four sons, of whom August died in his native country; Anders Peter is a farmer in Sweden; the third is John, and the youngest, Fred, is a farmer of Pope county, Minnesota. His two brothers who survive call themselves Johnson, after the Swedish custom of using the father's Christian name for a surname, adding the suffix son; Mr. Calander, however, on account of the large number of persons using the name of Johnson, took the name of Calander, which suited him much better, and which he has used since coming to America.

Like most Swedish children, John attended the public schools until the time of his confirmation in the Lutheran church, and later learned the trade of carpenter, after spending some time on his father's farm. On attaining his majority he served the necessary two years in the army, and in 1880 emigrated to America. He located in St. Paul, which has since been his place of residence. He worked nine years at his trade, being in the employ of one firm the last six years, and in 1889, under the name of John Calander, started business on his own account, doing general contracting and jobbing, and manufacturing store and office fixtures. In 1895 he added the manufacture of rolling stepladders for use in stores, and now also manufactures the Glenwood lace cabinet. His factory is located at 629-31-3 Jackson street, on a site which he owns, and he also owns his residence at 580 Laurel avenue, as well as other property. He

is a man of much business acumen and energy, and has a large and prosperous enterprise.

February 18, 1886, Mr. Calander married Ida Johnson, who was born in Ryssby, Småland, August 12, 1865, and the union has been blessed with five children, namely: Agnes Elvira, born November 19, 1886, bookkeeper and stenographer in her father's office; Lilly Otilia, born August 2, 1888; Arthur Reuben, born December 3, 1894; and George Edwin, born November 19, 1898; one daughter, Ruth Emilia Josephina, born February 13, 1893, died May 25, 1895. They attend the First Swedish Lutheran church.

Gustaf Hedberg.—Among the prosperous business men of St. Paul, Ramsey county, Gustaf Hedberg holds an assured position, being junior member of the firm of Sjöberg & Hedberg, fire insurance agents, and dealers in real estate, loans and farm lands, with office at No. 313 Jackson street. A native of Sweden, he was born, January 15, 1865, in Grafva parish, Vermland, a son of Peter and Maria Brita (Nelson) Johanson, who are now living in Karlstad, Sweden, the father being a builder of window glass factories. Of the ten children born to his parents eight are now living, as follows: Nils, a glass manufacturer in Sweden; John, a railroad contractor in this country; Andrew, a contractor and builder, resides in Denver, Colorado; Gustaf, the subject of this sketch; Maria, Sophia and Christina, are married and live in Sweden; and Clara, who is also married, lives in Massachusetts.

Having acquired an excellent knowledge of books in the public schools, Gustaf Hedberg was confirmed in the Lutheran church, after which he worked in sawmills until attaining his majority, when he served for one year in the Swedish army. The ensuing year, in 1887, he emigrated to Minnesota, coming direct to St. Paul, and working for a few months for a stone mason. He subsequently worked as a carpenter on the Great Northern Building, then in process of construction, until the spring of 1888, when he resumed stone masonry work. From the spring of 1889 until the spring of 1890 Mr. Hedberg was employed in the shipping department of Noyes Brothers, wholesale druggists, after which he was for a few months surveyor for the Twin City Railroad Company. He then accepted a position as manager of the Macalester Block, on Fourth street, now known as the Kendall Hotel, and remained there until 1892. In the spring of that year, Mr. Hedberg formed a copartnership with Mr. Edwin Sjoberg, opened their present office, and have here built up a thriving business.

Mr. Hedberg married, in 1889, Annie Wistrom, who was born August 19, 1864, in Grammalkil parish, Ostergötland, Sweden. After the death of her father she came to America, arriving in 1884, and has since lived in Minnesota. Her mother died in Sweden in 1896. Mr. and Mrs. Hedberg have been sadly bereaved in the death of three of their children, all of whom died in early life. They have two children living, namely: Lillie,

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a dressmaker and milliner; and Violet, born January 13, 1893, is studying to become a trained nurse. The family reside at No. 1051 Jenks street and attend the Church of the Covenant, or Mission Friends. Fraternally Mr. Hedberg is a member of the Woodmen of the World; of the Modern Samaritans; and belongs to the Dayton's Bluff Commercial Club.

Frank G. Lilygreen.—A man of far more than average skill and ability as a master mechanic, Frank G. Lilygreen is well known in the city of St. Paul through his connection with the American Hoist and Derrick Company, of whose plant he has had the general superintendence for the past nine years. A son of Carl Oscar and Ingrid Maria (Anderson) Lilygreen, he was born, December 13, 1866, in Slätthult, Ljuder parish, Småland, Sweden, and there spent the first ten years of his life.

Carl Oscar Lilygreen, inheriting the talent of his father, who was an inventor and a practical mechanic, was a blacksmith, an all-round mechanic, and a miller, operating a flour mill for many years. In 1877 he came with his family to Minnesota, locating at Marine Mills, where he reared his family, which consisted of three children, namely: Frank G., the subject of this sketch; Annie, wife of William Ahl, a travelling salesman, living in Stillwater, Minnesota; and Victor E., a machinist, residing in the state of Washington.

Frank G. Lilygreen received his elementary education in his native land, subsequently attending the public schools of Marine Mills. Following in the footsteps of his immediate ancestors, he chose a mechanical occupation, and in Stillwater, Minnesota, under D. M. Swain, served an apprenticeship of four years at the machinist's trade. Locating in St. Paul in 1887, he spent two years in the shops of the Great Northern Railroad Company, in the meantime, at the evening schools, taking a thorough course in mechanical drawing and the higher mathematics. Entering then the employ of the Watrous Engine Works, he was made general foreman, and remained with that company about three years. From there Mr. Lilygreen came to Minneapolis, accepting a position with the Twin City Railway Company, having charge of the pattern department until 1895. In that year he was offered a position with the American Hoist and Derrick Company, being asked to assume control of their pattern department. In 1897 this company took a large contract for the United States Government to construct disappearing motor carriages, which are used in fortifications for coast defence to carry the heavy guns. Mr. Lilygreen was transferred from the pattern department, and given entire charge of the Government work. The following year, in 1898, he was made general foreman of the company, and in 1900 was promoted to his present position as general superintendent of the plant, which employs six hundred men, and covers six whole blocks of ground, it being one of the largest plants in the entire city.

This company is carrying on a large and especially remunerative business, manufacturing locomotive cranes, derricks, and similar heavy machinery.

Mr. Lilygreen has been twice married. He married first, in 1889, Annie Lawson, of Stillwater, Minnesota. She died in Minneapolis, in 1894, leaving one son, Carl Sherman, born July 24, 1890, in St. Paul, Minnesota. Mr. Lilygreen married second, in December, 1895, Mrs. Emma Myers, of St. Paul, a widow, who brought with her to their home at No. 756 Ashland avenue, St. Paul, an adopted daughter, Lillie Louetta, born October 24, 1890. Fraternally Mr. Lilygreen belongs to the Ancient Arabic Order of the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine; to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows; to the Swedish Brothers, which he served as president for a year; and to the Norden Club, of which he was elected president in January, 1909.

Louis Peterson.—Prominent among the worthy representatives of the Swedish population of St. Paul is Louis Peterson, who rendered commendable service as head jailer for many years, and has since been successfully engaged in the restaurant business. A son of Ola Peterson, he was born on a farm in Helsingborg, Sweden, and there reared to manhood, receiving his knowledge of books in the public schools.

Brought up on the homestead, Louis Peterson assisted his father in its management until 1872, when he sailed for America, the land of his heart's desire. The following year he worked as a railroad employe in Minneapolis, after which he came to St. Paul, where he worked at any honorable employment for twelve months. He was subsequently employed for thirteen years in private families as a coachman, his last service being with J. J. Hill, the great railroad magnate, president of the Great Northern Railway. Forming then a partnership with Andrew Holm, Mr. Peterson was for two years manager of a hotel. Not being quite satisfied with the business, he then sold his interest in the house and accepted an appointment as head jailer, a position which he filled acceptably to all concerned for three full terms of four years each, serving under Sheriffs Richter, Captain Edward Bean, and Charles E. Chapple. He was without doubt one of the most efficient and trustworthy jailers St. Paul has ever known, and on his retirement from the office was given by those in power above him testimonials of which he may well be proud. For a number of years afterwards he was successfully engaged in the restaurant business in this city, carrying on a profitable business.

On January 15, 1883, Mr. Peterson married Hattie E. Sjosten, who was born and educated in Sweden, and they are the parents of two children, namely: Alfred F., born November 6, 1883; and Reuben Alexander, born September 4, 1885, is now employed in the St. Paul postoffice. Mr. Peterson has accumulated considerable property through his own efforts, and owns valuable real estate just outside the city limits.

He is a stanch Republican in politics, and true to the religious faith in which he was reared is a Lutheran. Fraternally he is a member of the Ancient Order of United Workmen, and of the United Ancient Order of Druids.

Fred C. Norlander.—A man of push and energy, possessing a resolute will and an honorable ambition to succeed in his undertakings, Fred C. Norlander has earned a fine reputation as a contractor and builder, being one of the leading men in his line of occupation in the city of St. Paul, Minnesota. A son of Carl Kant and his wife, Inger Olsotter, he was born, June 11, 1860, in Lyby parish, Skåne, Sweden. Neither of his parents are living, his father having passed to the life beyond in 1872, and his mother in 1875. Of their seven children but four are living, namely: Fred C., the special subject of this brief sketch; Peter Carlson, living in Sweden; John Kirk, a railway contractor in America; and Sophia, wife of Janne Lind, a stone cutter in Sweden.

Finishing the course of study in the public schools and being confirmed in the Lutheran church, Fred C. Norlander went to Malmo in 1877, and during the first year that he staid in that city spent his evenings in a technical school, studying construction drawing. In 1879 he there began an apprenticeship at the carpenter's trade, and four years later, on March 1, 1883, he became a fullfledged master mechanic, receiving his diploma as such. He subsequently worked for various contractors, spending the whole of the year 1884 at the Kookum Machine Works.

In 1887 Mr. Norlander emigrated to America, and two months later, after he had become well established in St. Paul, he was here joined by his wife and children. Mr. Norlander's first employment in this city was with an old-time carpenter and contractor, Tim Reardon, and he was afterwards employed by other contractors. In 1891, having become familiar with the language and customs of the country, he started in business as a contractor on his own account, and has continued since without interruption. Mr. Norlander has been very successful in business and has handled many large contracts, among others of note having erected a number of large school buildings, church edifices, and courthouses in Minnesota, Dakota, Iowa, and Wisconsin.

In Sweden, on August 11, 1883, Mr. Norlander was united in marriage with which Johanna Helena, only child of N. C. and Ingrid (Peterson) Hallengren. She was born, August 10, 1863, and was bred and educated in her native land. Seven children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Norlander, one of whom, Edward, died at the age of nine years, and six are living, namely: Nels Carl Oscar, born September 8, 1884, is a bookkeeper in St. Paul; Inez Josephina Fredrika, born December 2, 1885, now a teacher, was graduated with the degree of Bachelor of Arts from the University in Minnesota in 1908 and is a member of the Phi Beta Kappa Society, which requires an extraordinary degree of excellence in

scholarship to obtain membership; Edith Amanda Sophia, born November 6, 1890, is a stenographer and typewriter; Einas Emil, born March 16, 1893, is a graduate of the public schools; Ebba Myrtle Elizabeth, born June 20, 1895, is a public school pupil; and Fredrik Johan Edward, born April 30, 1897, is yet a schoolboy. The family live at No. 1025 Bradley street, and all attend the Swedish Mission tabernacle. Fraternally Mr. Norlander is a Mason and a member of the Ancient Arabic Order of the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and of the United Ancient Order of Druids, and a member of the Swedish Brothers. He likewise belongs to the St. Paul Commercial Club.

Andrew G. Johnson, superintendent of the Gribben Lumber Company, St. Paul, Minnesota, was born in Gunrabol, near Åmål, Sweden, August 21, 1864, son of John Peter and Martha Lisa Anderson. His parents were farmers and lived and died in Sweden. Their family comprised eleven children, of whom seven are now living, all in America, namely: Anna, widow of Gustaf Anderson; Anton, with the Gribben Lumber Company, St. Paul, Minnesota; Augusta, wife of C. E. Holmstrom, a blacksmith of St. Paul; Amalia, wife of Andrew Anderson, a farmer of Chisago county, Minnesota; Andrew G., whose name introduces this sketch; Elizabeth, wife of August Dahlquist, a carpenter in the employ of the Gribben Lumber Company; and Sophia, wife of Herman Hedman, a machinist with the American Hoist & Derrick Company.

Andrew G. Johnson was educated in the public school and confirmed in the Lutheran church, after which he worked on a farm. With a desire to see something of the world, he went to Gothenborg, and from there worked his way to America, coming via Hull and Liverpool to New York, where he landed in the spring of 1882. From New York he came directly to St. Paul.

Here he immediately obtained employment with the C. N. Nelson Lumber Company, with which he remained one year, since which time he has been identified with the Gribben Lumber Company. For three years he worked as a common laborer, was then promoted to the position of clerk in the office, and in 1900 was made superintendent, a position he has since filled. In the meantime he invested in stock of the company and is now one of its stockholders and directors. Also he is a director and treasurer in the Union Cemetery Association of St. Paul. He has a fine summer home on his beautiful Cloverdale farm on Doctor's Lake, Chisago county, Minnesota, and his St. Paul residence is at 793 Magnolia street.

In 1889 Mr. Johnson married Miss Mathilda Anderson, a native of Åmål, Sweden, born February 7, 1868, and who came, in 1882, to America with her parents, Gustaf Anderson and wife Sara. Mr. and Mrs. Johnson have had seven children, of whom five are living: Grace Harriet, born September 12, 1894; Andrew Raymond, June 4, 1897;

Clara Mathilda, December 22, 1900; Helen Elizabeth, April 22, 1903; and Martha Elvira, September 21, 1908. Fraternally Mr. Johnson is identified with the Masonic Order, the Modern Woodmen of America, and the Swedish Brothers. Also he is a member of the East Side Commercial Club.

Rev. O. P. Berggren was born near Christianstad, Sweden, October 31, 1840, and died in St. Paul, Minnesota, September 16, 1889. June 24, 1867, at Copenhagen, Denmark, he married Anna Christina Neilsen, a native of that city, born November 19, 1842, and who is still living, now a resident of St. Paul. In the same year of their marriage they came to America and settled in St. Paul, and from that time until his death he was a traveling minister. He was one of the originators of the "Lutheran Mission Friends." Rev. Mr. Berggren and wife were the parents of five children, namely: Emma Louise, wife of Frank Johnson, a railroad contractor; Emil T., who resides with his mother in St. Paul, and is at this writing the owner of the Capitol Electric Company of this city; Dagmar C., who married August Lund, resides in San Francisco, California; Miss May A. Berggren, the youngest of the family, resides with her mother; and Godfrey N.

Godfrey N., the youngest son, was born November 28, 1873. After completing his studies in the public schools he entered the employ of an electrical concern, the McBride Electric Company, in which five years later he purchased an interest. This business gradually developed from a repair shop to a contracting establishment, taking contracts both in their home city and surrounding towns and cities. They installed the electrical work in at least one-half dozen armory posts and in some twenty postoffices and numerous large buildings of various kinds, and they have installed electric lighting plants from coast to coast. After being in partnership with Mr. C. F. McBride, of the McBride Electric Company, for about three years, Godfrey N. Berggren purchased the interests of the other members of the firm and is now running the Unity Electric Company of St. Paul. This company in its busy season employs as many as two hundred men.

December 21, 1890, Godfrey N. Berggren married Miss Alice Downing, who was born in Waukegan, Illinois, May 24, 1874. To them have been given four children: Roy, born August 8, 1892, is in his father's employ; William, born March 29, 1894, is at this writing a student in business college; Myrtle, born September 10, 1895, and Luella Dolly, born May 31, 1899, are attending public school. The family reside at 661 DeSota street.

Mr. Berggren is a member of the following fraternal organizations: Modern Woodmen of America, Court of Honor, Ancient Order of United Druids, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and the National Protective Legion. He is also a member of the Commercial Club of St. Paul.

JOHN THOORSELL.—While it may justly be said that the great state of Minnesota is especially fortunate in the eminence and character of its citizens, it may likewise be added that to no class of people is it more indebted for its industrial progress and prosperity than to those of Swedish birth and breeding; and worthy of especial mention among the number is John Thoorsell, a well known undertaker in St. Paul. He was born, July 28, 1848, in Thorbjorntorp, near Falköping, Sweden, and was there reared and educated. His parents, Anders and Anna Maria (Carlson) Johnson, farmers by occupation, reared seven children, namely: Maria Elizabeth, wife of Johannes Olson, a railroad man; Jonas, engaged in agricultural pursuits in Sweden; Anna, wife of Jonas Johanson, of Sweden; John, the subject of this sketch; Anders Gustaf, formerly a manufacturer, but now manager of large landed estate; Augusta, unmarried, is keeping house for her father; and Sven Victor, managing his father's farm.

John Thoorsell was educated in the common schools of his native land, and after his confirmation in the Lutheran church learned the trade of a cabinet maker, working first in Skara, and later in Gothenborg. Anxious to better his financial condition, he emigrated, in 1869, to the United States, and for five years lived in Rockford, Illinois. Moving from there to Cannon Falls, Minnesota, in 1874, Mr. Thoorsell opened a cabinet-making and undertaking and retail furniture establishment, which he conducted successfully until 1887, when he was burned out. Coming then to St. Paul, he embarked in the furniture and undertaking business, being in partnership with Mr. Charles Wallblom until the memorable financial crisis of 1893, when the firm was dissolved by mutual consent. Mr. Thoorsell was subsequently engaged in the undertaking business alone for two years, but from 1895 until 1906 was in partnership with J. G. Thaung. Since that time, however, Mr. Thoorsell has been alone, his undertaking establishment being located at No. 457 Broadway, and he has carried on a substantial business, being well liked and extensively patronized.

Mr. Thoorsell married, in 1877, Ida Turner, of Vasa, Goodhue county, Minnesota, and of their union eight children have been born, namely: Victor Emanuel; Ebba Victoria; Phoebe Adelia; Inez Elizabeth; Lydia Theodora; Ada Adelia, deceased; Walter Winfield; and Marie Alphine. In his political affiliations Mr. Thoorsell is a stanch Republican, and although never an aspirant for public office did serve one year as recorder while living in Cannon Falls. Religiously Mr. Thoorsell and his family were active members of the Swedish Lutheran church, of which he was a trustee for twelve years, three years of that time serving likewise as treasurer, but he has now joined the new Gloria Dei English Lutheran church, being, with his wife and family, among the charter members of that organization. Mr. Thoorsell was instrumental in establishing the Union Cemetery Association, which has the management of the Union Cemetery, a burial ground designed more

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especially as a final resting place for those of Swedish birth or descent. It was incorporated under the state laws, and of this corporation Mr. Thoorsell has been secretary for ten years, and is now a trustee.

Emil Peterson, building contractor, 408 Selby avenue, St. Paul, Minnesota, was born January 5, 1867, in Verum parish, Kristianstads län, Sweden. His father, Per Johansson, born February 27, 1827, is a son of Jonas Persson, who died in 1875. His mother, whose maiden name was Elna Jonson, was born in 1832, daughter of Jons Johansson, an architect and building contractor in Verum, who died in 1878. Mr. Peterson's father and paternal grandfather were farmers. His parents are both living, as also are his three brothers. He had one sister. Louis Peterson, born February 27, 1857, came to America and settled in St. Paul in 1882. He is a carpenter by trade and has been twice married, first, in 1891, to Christina Johnson, who died in 1893. In 1900 he married Miss Minnie Schultz, of St. Paul. Nels Peterson, born August 7, 1861, came to St. Paul in 1883, and at this writing is foreman for Andrew Rankin, contractor and builder. In 1893 he married Tillie Anderson, who came to this country from Vesseltofta parish, Skåne, and they have one son, Edward Luther, born in 1894. Olof Peterson, born December 29, 1863, is a farmer at the old homestead in Sweden, this place having been transferred from father to son for several generations. Olof is unmarried. The sister's name was Bengta. She was born August 7, 1859, and died in 1887. She was the wife of Olof Olsson, a farmer in Vesseltafta parish, who, with two sons, survive her.

Emil Peterson was reared on his father's farm and attended the public school until he reached the age of fourteen years. The next six years he spent at the homestead, assisting his father in the farm work, and in 1887 he emigrated to America and came direct to St. Paul, where, the second day after his arrival he went to work as a carpenter. For ten years he was a wageworker at this trade. Meanwhile, being ambitious to obtain a better education, for several winters he attended the evening classes of the Franklin school, and there acquired a fair knowledge of the English language. Also he studied drawing and architecture in his leisure hours, and the houses erected by him are nearly all built after his own plans and specifications. Since 1897 he has been contracting and building, and since 1899 he has occupied his present quarters at 406 Selby avenue, where, by honest and earnest effort, he has built up a large and increasing business, both in building new houses and repairing old ones. Mr. Peterson averages a dozen or more houses a year and regularly furnishes employment to about twenty men. His own comfortable and attractive home is situated at 1237 Dayton avenue.

May 17, 1899, he married Jennie Matson, the marriage ceremony being performed by Rev. Frank Jensen, of St. James English Lutheran church. Mrs. Peterson was born in Gualof, Skåne, Sweden, where her father, Matts Jonsson, was a farmer. Mr. Jonsson emigrated to America

and died in Cheyenne, North Dakota, in 1906. At the time of her marriage Mrs. Peterson was a resident of St. Paul. The fruits of this union are four children, a son and three daughters, namely: Harold Curtis Emanuel, born March 31, 1901; Anna Evelyn Jencete, August 7, 1903; Dorothy Eleanor Florence, September 15, 1905, and Myrtle Alice Libian, September 23, 1908.

Mr. Peterson and his family are active members of St. James English Lutheran church, and he is identified with the following fraternal organizations: The Odd Fellows, the Modern Woodmen of America, and the Scandinavian Relief Association of Red Wing, Minnesota.

Abel Swanson, dealer in musical instruments, picture frames, paints and paper, 853 Payne avenue, St. Paul, Minnesota, has been a resident of this city for over twenty years and has worked his way from a common laborer up to the head of a prosperous business.

Mr. Swanson was born in Sweden, August 1, 1857, the son of Swan Nelson, a farmer by occupation. He attended the public schools and assisted his father on the farm, and when a young man learned the painter's trade. Then he clerked in a general merchandise store, and for two years and a half successfully conducted a store of his own, which he sold before coming to this country. In 1887, he came to the United States and settled at St. Paul, where he has since made his home. After a short time spent as a wage worker, he engaged in business as a contract painter, in which he has continued successfully up to the present time. He gave his energies to this work exclusively until May, 1895, when he opened a paint and wall paper store, and in 1901 he added musical instruments and a repair department. He now occupies two store rooms (their combined floor space being 50 by 65 feet, and is at the head of a prosperous and growing business. He is an active member of the East Side Commercial Club.

October 10, 1894, Mr. Swanson married Miss Hillna Anderson, who was a native of Sweden, and has been a resident of St. Paul since 1882. There are nine children: Lawrence R., Olivena, Robert, Denvey, Ruben, Herbert, Myrtle, Elsie and Abel. Mrs. Swanson died February 24, 1909.

John Magnus Carlson.—Conspicious on the long roll of names that have conferred honor upon the Swedish population of Minnesota is that of John Magnus Carlson, a prominent contractor and builder of St. Paul, who, by his honest dealings, reliable work, and close application to details, has won the confidence of the people of all nationalities, and built up a large and remunerative patronage. A man of pronounced ability, and forceful individuality, he has accumulated a fortune in the pursuit of his chosen occupation, but has not permitted that fact to change his character in any way, being the same modest, unassuming man that he was when he came to this city forty years ago, poor in pocket, but rich in courage and ambition. He was born, November 29, 1841, in Gardsbytofta, near Vexiö, Sweden, a son of Carl and Christina (Johnson) Jonason, the

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former of whom was born at Fylleryd, Sweden, and the latter at Allatorp, Sweden.

Completing his early education in the public schools of his native land, and being confirmed in the Lutheran church, John M. Carlson subsequently learned the trades of a cabinet maker and carpenter, which he followed a few years. Emigrating to America in 1866, he worked at his trades in Chicago, Illinois, for two years. In 1868, he came to St. Paul, and the ensuing thirteen years was in the employ of R. C. Wyley, who at the end of that time admitted him to partnership. Mr. Carlson continued in business with Mr. Wyley for nine years, when, in 1890, he bought his partner's interest in the business, and has since continued alone as a contractor and builder, becoming one of the leading men in his line of industry, his office being located at No. 227-229 East Fifth street. He has built many buildings of prominence, among others being the old Capitol, numerous business blocks, and many fine residences.

On June 9, 1868, Mr. Carlson married Christine Monson, who was born in Dadesjo, Småland, Sweden, and they have three children, namely: Harry J., a prominent architect in Boston, Massachusetts; Carl Edward, a dentist, with offices in the New York Life Building, at St. Paul; and George W., in business with his father. Mr. Carlson and his family reside at No. 475 Dayton avenue, having a pleasant and attractive home. Mr. Carlson takes an active interest in municipal affairs and for four years has been a member of the Board of Water Commissioners. He is a prominent member of the Swedish Lutheran church, of which he has been a trustee for more than twenty years, and belongs to the Union Cemetery Association, in which he has held several offices of trust and responsibility.

Olof Sohlberg, M. D.—The professional career of Dr. Olof Sohlberg, of St. Paul, is a special evidence of the generally admitted fact that the patience, the intelligence, the even temperament and the typical balance of the Swedish character especially adapt those who are honored with that racial blood to successfully follow the practice of medicine. The true physician, while a man of profound penetration and sympathy, has, at the same time, his feelings under such control that he can direct them to the most permanent good of his patient—which are traits very noticeable in the personality of Dr. Sohlberg. He is a native of Östersund, Sweden, born on the 6th of July, 1859, his family being distinguished both for its patriotism and intellectual tendencies. Olof Sohlberg, his father, was a painter, who spent most of his life in that place, while his grandfather, Olof Sohlberg, whose earlier life covered a most momentous period in the political history of his fatherland, served faithfully and with not a little distinction in the Swedish-Russian wars of 1808-9 and the Swedish-Norwegian campaign of 1814. The result of the former campaigns was the cession of Finland to Russia, and of the latter, the union of Norway with Sweden.

Having received a collegiate education in his native city, in 1879 the doctor, with his parents and a younger brother, emigrated to the United States, spending the winter of 1880-1 at Gustavus Adolphus College, St. Peter, Minnesota, and there so perfected himself in the mastery of English that he had no difficulty, thereafter, in a free and progressive intercourse with his adopted countrymen. After completing his course in English at that institution he was matriculated, as a medical student, at the Minnesota College Hospital, which afterward became the medical department of the state university. Dr. Sohlberg not only obtained his professional degree, at his graduation February 29, 1884, but was honored with several of the prizes for excellence in scholarship. He at once located for practice at St. Paul, and is still occupying the same office which he opened a quarter of a century ago. Further, he has been in continuous practice during all that period, with the exception of portions of 1890-1, which he spent at the European centers of medical education, devoting himself to post-graduate work. Dr. Sohlberg has established a substantial practice and a high professional reputation at St. Paul, and is the owner of a comfortable winter home in a good residence district of that city, as well as a summer home at Forest Lake, Minnesota, where he generally spends the warmer months of the year with his family.

On June 30, 1886, Dr. Sohlberg married Miss Helvina A. Wold, their son Olof, and their foster son, Karl Wold, being both medical students at the Minnesota State University. Their daughter, Evie, has just completed her common-school course. It should be added to Dr. Sohlberg's specific professional record that he is a member of the Ramsey County Medical Society, Twin City Swedish Medical Society, Minnesota State Medical Association and the American Medical Association. He is also a member of the medical staff of the Bethesda Hospital, St. Paul, as well as a director in the Bethesda Hospital and Bethesda Deaconess Home of St. Paul, Bethesda Old People's Home of Chisago City, Minnesota, and the Minnesota College, Minneapolis. Dr. Sohlberg is identified with several other institutions and societies, and has been honored with the secretaryship of the board of trustees of the First Swedish Lutheran church of St. Paul for nearly twenty years.

Victor C. Sundberg.—A man of much executive ability, possessing good business tact and judgment, Victor C. Sundberg is actively associated with the mercantile interests of St. Paul, and as general manager of the three stores established and maintained by the Bodin-Sundberg Drug Company, of which he is senior member, is numbered among the foremost merchants of the city. A son of Peter Sundberg, he was born August 29, 1871, in Lake City, Wabasha county, Minnesota, of substantial Swedish stock.

Peter Sundberg was born and reared in Sweden, as a young man being engaged in business as a shoe dealer in Sunne, Wermland, and married

Johanna Peterson after emigrating to America. Coming to Minnesota in 1868, he settled at Lake City, where he is now in the shoe business, having, as the head of the firm of P. Sundberg & Co., built up a large and lucrative trade. To him and his wife four children have been born, namely: Victor C., the special subject of this brief sketch; Axel T., manager of the Bodin-Sundberg Company's store at No. 879 Rice street; Hilma, who died in childhood; and Edith A., living with her parents in Lake City, Minnesota.

After his graduation from the Lake City high school, Victor C. Sundberg took up the study of pharmacy in Minneapolis, attending a private school that was subsequently incorporated in the University of Minnesota. He was graduated from that school in 1893, and the following two years remained in Lake City, being connected with the M. L. Collins drug store. Coming from there to St. Paul in 1895, Mr. Sundberg entered into a copartnership with the well-known druggist John Bodin, under the firm name of the Bodin-Sundberg Company. Mr. Bodin died October 28, 1906, and his interest in the company is retained by his widow. The Bodin-Sundberg Drug Company has built up a remunerative trade, conducting business in three establishments, one store being located at No. 329 East Seventh street, with Carl Rudeen manager; one at No. 881 Payne street, with H. M. Johnson manager; and one at No. 879 Rice street, Axel T. Sundberg manager. In the management of these stores Mr. Sundberg has met with unquestioned success, each season enlarging his operations and increasing his scope of business.

Mr. Sundberg married, in 1896, Mary Anderson, who was born March 29, 1872, a daughter of Oscar Anderson, an ex-mayor of Lake City, who was there for many years engaged in the real estate business, but is now living retired from active pursuits, with his good wife, Carolina Anderson, enjoying the fruits of his earlier years of toil. Mr. and Mrs. Sundberg are the parents of five children, namely: Carl T., born August 5, 1897; Harold V., born February 4, 1899; Rudolph H., born February 22, 1901; Ranald, born March 27, 1903; and Helen Marie, born May 16, 1906. Mr. and Mrs. Sundberg have a pleasant home at No. 993 Burr street, where they enjoy entertaining their many friends. They are members of the First Swedish Lutheran church, and among its most active workers. Mr. Sundberg is a member of the Swedish Brothers, of which he has been treasurer since its organization, in 1906; and belongs to three Retail Pharmacists' Associations, the National, State and City.

Victor Nathaniel Peterson, M. D.—A rising young physician and surgeon of St. Paul, Minnesota, Victor N. Peterson, M. D., has already built up an extensive and lucrative patronage, and is fast winning for himself an honored name in the medical profession of Ramsey county. A native of Minnesota, he was born, September 5, 1879, in Cokato, Wright county, where his father, A. P. Peterson, is engaged in the drug business. A. P. Peterson was born in Sweden, and came with his parents to this

state in 1861. To him and his wife, whose maiden name was Anna Anderson, three children were born, namely: Victor N., the special subject of this brief sketch; Adler E., a pharmacist, managing his father's business in Cokato; and Leonard Clarence, still in school.

After leaving the public schools Victor N. Peterson entered the Academic Department of the Gustavus Adolphus College, in St. Peter, Minnesota, from which he was graduated with the degree of B. A. in 1902. In the fall of that year he matriculated at the Medical and Surgical Department of the University of Minnesota, where, after a four years' course he was graduated in 1906. The ensuing year Dr. Peterson spent as an interne at the Bethesda Hospital in St. Paul, in that capacity gaining wisdom and valuable experience. He has since been engaged in general practice as a physician and surgeon in St. Paul, being located at No. 879 Rice street. In his professional career, the doctor has made rapid strides, and deserves much credit for the position he has won, not only as a physician, but as a popular and highly esteemed citizen.

Dr. Peterson is a member of the State Medical Society; of the Ramsey County Medical Society; and of the Medical Staff of the Bethesda Hospital. He also belongs to the Phi Rho Sigma Fraternity, and is Medical Examiner for the Scandia Life Insurance Company of Chicago.

Anton W. Johnson.—Many of the more energetic and prosperous business men of Minnesota have been born and bred on European soil, to Sweden, mayhap, is this state more deeply indebted for citizens of worth than to any other foreign country. Prominent among the younger generation of native-born Swedes that are contributing toward the mercantile advancement of St. Paul is Anton W. Johnson, junior member of the firm of Johnson Brothers, who are carrying on a thriving business at No. 926 Arcade street, where they have a commodius and well-stocked grocery store. He was born in Sweden, March 8, 1882, a brother of Oscar E. Johnson, in whose sketch, which appears elsewhere in this volume, may be found a very brief notice of their father, John P. Johnson.

Educated in the public schools of his native land, Anton W. Johnson emigrated to the United States in 1901, coming directly to St. Paul, where his brother was already located. Entering the employ of O. T. Rasen, a furrier, he worked in the dressing department of his fur shop for about a year, after which he was for eight months with David Birdman, of this city, a dealer in hides, furs, and tallow. Becoming then a clerk in the grocery store of Herman Johnson, on Payne avenue, he continued with him five years, gaining wisdom and experience in the business. He was subsequently similarly employed in the store of A. L. Ohlman, remaining there until Septemeber, 1907, when he bought a half interest in the store with which he is now connected, becoming associated with his brother Oscar under the firm name of Johnson Brothers. This firm is conducting

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business on systematic methods, keeping an up-to-date stock, and is meeting with great success, being one of the best known and most popular groceries in the neighborhood.

On April 8, 1908, Mr. Johnson married Nellie Dahlen, a bright young Swede girl who came to this country from Sweden when quite young, and here completed her school life. She is a woman of ambition and spirit, possessing a keen eye for business, having, previous to her marriage, taken up a claim of one hundred and sixty acres of land in South Dakota, proved up on it, and subsequently paid for the tract, which is now quite valuable. Mr. and Mrs. Johnson have one daughter, Ellen, born August 7, 1909. They are members of the Swedish Baptist church, and are highly esteemed in social circles.

Charles J. Bergquist, merchant tailor, 850 Payne avenue, St. Paul, Minnesota, may be said to have grown up in a tailor shop, and has practically spent his whole life engaged in this business, having worked at his trade in various cities before settling at St. Paul.

Mr. Bergquist was born, August 23, 1868, in Vestergötland, Sweden, son of Swan Johnson, a merchant tailor. At the age of eight years the boy was put to work with the needle. Then for several years his time was divided between working in his father's shop and attending public school. He continued to work for his father until he was seventeen, when he left the old home in Sweden and came to America, landing here in May, 1886, and directing his course westward to Rockford, Illinois, where he went to work on a farm. After six months of farming he was ready to return to his trade. He worked one year in Minneapolis and six years in Duluth, for different tailors, after which he opened a tailoring establishment of his own at Tower, Minnesota, which he conducted two years. Next we find him on the Pacific coast. He was employed as expert cutter in San Francisco and other western cities and towns, and spent three years there, then going to Denver, Colorado, where he engaged in business for himself and where he remained until 1907. That year he returned to Minnesota and opened up his present business in St. Paul.

April 18, 1895, Mr. Bergquist married Miss Carrie J. Olund, daughter of John Olund, and they have two children: Frederick William, born March 9, 1896, and John Walter, August 28, 1898. Fraternally, Mr. Bergquist is identified with the Masonic Order, the Odd Fellows, the Knights of Pythias, and the Druids.

Alfred M. Bergstrom.—The record of the Bergstrom family has proven its worth both in the establishment of the pioneer institutions of the state and the development of modern and up-to-date business enterprises; and, for proof of this statement it is not necessary to revert to other members than Alfred M., president of the Banner Clothing Company of St. Paul, and his father, Peter M. Bergstrom, the widely known pioneer of Meeker county. The former was born near Litch-

field, that county, on the 11th of October, 1870, and his parents (his mother was Anna C. Erickson) emigrated from their native Sweden to that locality in the early sixties. At that time, when the elder Mr. Bergstrom took up land in Meeker county, the country was sparsely settled by all except Indians, which were both numerous and troublesome. He became one of the most prominent farmers in that section of the state; not only that, but he took a deep and active interest in the establishment of morality and religion in his community, being one of the charter members of the Swedish Lutheran church and, for several years, one of the society officials. He was the father of eleven children, four of whom died young and the following are alive: Alfred M., Robert O., Charles J., William O., Albert T.; Josephine, who married Edward J. Boreen; and Dorothea.

Alfred M. Bergstrom, of this biography, first attended the schools of Meeker county, and after completing the grammar courses pursued a two years' course at Gustavus Adolphus College, at St. Peter, Minnesota. As he had early evinced business inclinations and talents, he next became identified with the Palace Clothing Company of Minneapolis and, after being thus employed for some five years, assumed a position as salesman in the Enterprise Department Store of St. Paul. His experience of seven years and a half with that flourishing house gave him a broad and intimate acquaintance with a vast variety of both popular and high-grade goods, and furnished the very training necessary for success in the business which he established himself under the title of the Banner Clothing Company. It was incorporated, in January, 1906, and consists of A. M. Bergstrom, president; C. Bergstrom, vice president; and O. M. Jorgenson and A. Jorgenson, directors. Their large, well arranged and thoroughly stocked store is located at the corner of Third and Sibley streets. Ready-made clothing, fur goods, coats and cloaks, gents' furnishings, hats, shoes and leather goods, are all carried in complete and selected lines. As the firm is progressive in the way of fully meeting the public wants and has established a fine reputation for unfailing courtesy and honorable dealing, a continuous and rapid growth of business has been the inevitable result.

A. M. Bergstrom is also financially interested in several other business enterprises, among which we mention Boreen Flour and Feed Co., of St. Paul, of which he is vice president, and he is also one of the firm of Bergstrom Bros.' Plumbing and Heating Co. of St. Paul. Fraternally, he is one of the best known men in St. Paul, in Masonry being identified with Montgomery Lodge No. 358, A. F. & A. M.; Minnesota Chapter No. 1, R. A. M.; St. Paul Council No. 1, Damascus Commandery No. 1 and Minnesota Consistory No. 1. He is a past master of the blue lodge, past high priest of the chapter, member of the Scottish Rite and Shrine, and past deputy grand master. Further, Mr. Bergstrom belongs to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, Elks and Modern Woodmen of America, and enjoys membership in the Norden

and Commercial Clubs. His religious connections are with the St. James (English) Lutheran church of St. Paul. On February 2, 1899, Mr. Bergstrom married Miss Carrie Thoen, daughter of Swan Thoen, of Minneapolis, and the three children born to this union are as follows: Marlow B., born in November, 1899; Wallace, born in October, 1901, and Alfred M., Jr., born November 6, 1905.

Louis Harold Olson.—A prosperous business man of St. Paul, Louis Harold Olson is actively associated with the mercantile interests of this city, being proprietor of one of its leading shoe stores. A native of Southern Sweden, he was born January 21, 1867, a son of Otto Olson, who was for many years clerk of the court.

Having received a practical education in the public schools, he learned the trade of a cabinet-maker, at which he worked for a short time in his native land. In the spring of 1886, with a laudable desire to take advantage of every opportunity for improving his financial condition, he came to the United States, locating in St. Paul. For about two years having been unable to find work at his trade, he was employed on the railroad. Entering then a shoe factory in St. Paul, he remained four years, acquiring an excellent knowledge of shoe making, after which he followed his trade for a brief time in Duluth, Minnesota. Returning to St. Paul, Mr. Olson was for seven years employed in the shoe factory of Foot, Shultz & Co. Opening then a shoe repairing shop on Payne avenue, St. Paul, Mr. Olson established a substantial business, which he subsequently enlarged, putting in a good stock of shoes. Meeting with such eminent success, he has gradually increased his operations, and has now a finely-equipped and well-stocked shoe store at No. 882 Payne avenue, where he has an extensive trade in shoes of all kinds, and does a good amount of repairing, that department of his shop bringing him in a fine income.

Mr. Olson married, November 3, 1887, Jennie Monson, of St. Paul, and their only child, Louis Martin, was born May 1, 1888. Another child, born August 16, 1899, died in infancy. Formerly Mr. Olson belonged to the Masonic order, the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and to the Modern Woodmen of America, and is now a member of the Swedish Brothers. Religiously he belongs to the Swedish Episcopal church.

John Sandell, merchant tailor, 197 East Seventh street, St. Paul, Minnesota, is a native of Sweden, born August 4, 1851. In 1868, a youth of seventeen, he landed in this country, and came west to Jordan, Minnesota, where he made his home for ten years. In 1878, he became a resident of St. Paul, established himself in business here as a merchant tailor, and here for over thirty years he has lived and prospered, being regarded as one of the most reliable merchant tailors in the city of St. Paul.

Mr. Sandell has taken a commendable interest in public affairs in his city. He was a member of the first elective assembly of St. Paul, in

1892. In 1899, he was appointed a member of the Board of Public Works, and made all the assessments for improvements where benefit and damages were to be considered when the land for Phalen Park was taken by the city. Eighteen thousand parcels of land were assessed. His home, at the corner of Jessamine and Jesse streets, is one of the handsomest residences of the First ward.

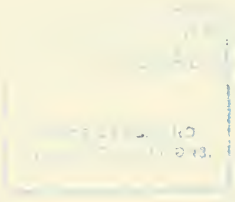
Fraternally Mr. Sandell is identified with the Druids, the Modern Samaritans, the I. O. O. F., the Nords Club, and the Swedish Old Settlers' Union. He belongs to the Swedish Episcopal church.

October 16, 1874, Mr. Sandell married Miss Hulda D. A. Bonander, a native of Sweden but a resident of the United States since her early childhood, she having been reared and educated at Jordan, Minnesota. They have six children: Hattie Elvira, wife of Axel T. Sundberg; Adell Elenora, wife of Joseph Johnson; Hilmer Aneida, Alven Walter, Leroy Arthur and Ethel Evadne.

Hans Martin Johnson.—Numbered among the leading pharmacists of St. Paul is Hans Martin Johnson, a member of the Bodin-Sundberg Drug Company, who is eminently fitted through a full course of study for the business in which he is so successfully employed, having charge now of the store located at No. 881 Payne avenue. A native-born citizen of St. Paul, his birth occurred April 27, 1883. His parents, Frank and Martha Johnson, emigrated to this country from Sweden in 1880, settling in St. Paul, where they reared and educated their three children, Albin, Emil, and Hans M.

Having completed the full course of study in the public schools of this city, Hans M. Johnson went to Minneapolis, where he prepared himself to enter the drug business by taking two courses of study at the Institute of Pharmacy. In 1898 he accepted the position of a clerk in the drug store of J. A. Batto, of St. Paul, remaining with him six years. In 1903 Mr. Johnson entered the employ of the Bodin-Sundberg Drug Company as a clerk, and during the ensuing six years proved himself of such value and assistance that in January, 1909, he was made a member of the firm, which is one of the largest and most prosperous of the kind in the city.

On November 12, 1906, Mr. Johnson married Marie Peterson, who was born and educated in St. Paul, being a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Peterson, who came to this country from Sweden. Mr. and Mrs. Johnson have one child, Howard Martin, born August 20, 1907. Mr. Johnson is actively and prominently identified with various fraternal organizations, being a member, and a trustee, of Montgomery Lodge, No. 258, A. F. & A. M.; a member of Jewel Chapter, No. 76, R. A. M.; a member, and manager, of Maple Camp, No. 5453, M. W. A., and a member of the Modern Brotherhood of America; also Apollo Council, No. 69, Modern Samaritans. He is also a member of the East Side Commercial Club, which he assisted in organizing, and of which he is secretary for



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the third term, and was director for one year, and is now secretary of the Bodin-Sundberg Drug Company.

J. G. Thaung.—Prominent among the leading citizens of St. Paul is J. G. Thaung, a well known undertaker, located at No. 327 East Seventh street. A man of unquestioned integrity and ability, he holds high rank among the influential business men of the city, and is actively identified with various financial and fraternal organizations. A native of Sweden, he was born, January 24, 1865, at Gardsby, near Vexiö, Småland, where his earlier years were spent. His father, J. G. Tong, of Gardsby, was for many years prosperously engaged in the saddler's business at that place, at his retirement from active pursuits being succeeded by a son. His wife, whose maiden name was Sofia Johnson, died in 1905. Of the nine children born to them, six are now living, namely: Johannes Gustaf, the subject of this brief sketch; Johanna Louisa, wife of Albert Johnson, a farmer at Cromwell, Minnesota; Charles M., of St. Paul; Ida Augusta, wife of M. M. Archdale, engaged in agricultural pursuits in Knowlton, Montana; Otto Wilhelm, of Gardsby, Sweden, who succeeded to his father's business; and Jennie Amalia, wife of Axel Johnson, a farmer in Gardsby.

Having acquired a practical education in the public schools of Gardsby, J. G. Thaung learned the saddler's trade, working with his father. On attaining his majority he started for America, thinking in this land of promise and plenty to lay a substantial foundation for his future prosperity. Coming directly to Minnesota, he located, in 1886, in St. Paul, and the following four years was employed in a wholesale grocery. In 1890 Mr. Thaung embarked in the undertaking business on his own account, and in the management of his affairs has met with excellent success, having built up a fine patronage, not only among the Scandinavian population, but throughout the community, being well liked by all. Mr. Thaung's office is located at No. 327 East Seventh street, but the residence occupied by himself and family is at the corner of York and Burr streets.

On May 25, 1898, Mr. Thaung married Ida Wedin, of St. Paul, and into their pleasant home five children have made their advent, namely: Charlotte Walfrida, born September 3, 1899; Edith Erica, born February 11, 1902; Julius Gunnar, born November 1, 1903; Helen Victoria, born July 26, 1905; and Ruth Lillian Evelyn, born May 25, 1907. Mr. Thaung has held many positions of trust and responsibility, in each and every office serving ably and satisfactorily to all concerned. He is one of the trustees of the Scandinavian Savings Bank, and is a director in the East St. Paul State Bank; is ex-president and ex-treasurer of the East Side Commercial Club; and has been a director of the Norden Club. He has served as president of the Swedish Brothers; member of the Bethesda Benefit Association; and of numerous other societies. Fraternally Mr. Thaung belongs to Braden Lodge, No. 168, A. F. & A. M.; to

Minnesota Chapter, No. 1, R. A. M.; to Damascus Commandery, No. 1, K. T.; and to Osman Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S.

Oscar E. Johnson.—A young man with a remarkable degree of push and enterprise, Oscar E. Johnson, senior member of the firm of Johnson Brothers, grocers, in St. Paul, has already won for himself a place of note in the business world, and gained the confidence and good will of his associates in both financial and social circles. He was born, May 29, 1880, in Sweden, a son of John P. Johnson, a farmer and carpenter, who reared five children, namely: Oscar E., Carl F., Anton W., Alma, and John A.

In 1897, while yet in his teens, Oscar E. Johnson, having completed his early education in the public schools, bade adieu to his native land, and came to this country in search of fortune. Taking up his residence in St. Paul, Minnesota, he farmed and did odd jobs of work the first year or two, after which he became clerk in the grocery of Peter Haldeen, of Payne avenue, with whom he remained until Mr. Haldeen sold out to Herman Johnson, when he entered the employ of the new owner of the store, and continued with him three years. Accepting a position as clerk with A. L. Ohman, who was located on Jackson street, St. Paul, Mr. Johnson was in that establishment two and one-half years, after which he was similarly employed for a year in the store of Adolph Skooglun, on Payne avenue. Embarking then in business on his own account, Mr. Johnson bought, in the spring of 1907, a half interest in his present grocery, at No. 926 Arcade avenue. In September, 1907, his brother, Anton W. Johnson, purchased the remaining half interest in the concern, and the business has since been ably and profitably conducted under the firm name of Johnson Brothers. Mr. Johnson's previous experience as clerk in various groceries was a valuable asset to him, and has helped him to win success in his ventures. This firm carries a fine line of the best groceries to be found in the market, the shelves of the store being stocked with a high grade of goods, which meet with a ready sale among the people of this vicinity.

On June 10, 1903, Mr. Johnson married Hilda Oleen, who came to Minnesota from Salt Lake City, Utah, where she went from Sweden with her parents, when a young maiden, and they have one child, Alice F., born March 26, 1907. Religiously Mr. Johnson is a member of the Swedish Baptist church, and fraternally he belongs to the United Order of Foresters.

Olaf J. Olson, junior member of the widely known firm of florists, Holm & Olson, is one of the most prominent representatives of his business in the United States. The headquarters of the firm at Nos. 22-24 West Fifth street are really conservatories of high art and, with their convenient, commodious and handsome arrangements, are not surpassed by anything of the kind in the country. Mr. Olson is still a young man,

having been born January 9, 1874, in the province of Blekinge, Sweden. When he was six years of age he was brought by his parents to the United States, the family locating at Hancock, Minnesota. There the father purchased a farm, upon which he resided until the time of his death in 1882.

Olaf J. was educated in the public schools of St. Paul and began his business career as an errand boy for Charles Bennett, the St. Paul florist. He remained in that position for two years, when he was identified with the confectionery establishment of J. George Smith for about a year and a half. Floriculture, however, appealed to both his artistic taste and his business judgment, and he therefore re-entered the employ of Mr. Bennett, and in the four years of his faithful service with him acquired a thorough knowledge of the scientific field and the northwestern market. In 1903 Mr. Olson became associated with E. F. Lemke, St. Paul's pioneer florist, and continued in that connection until October 1, 1906, when he formed a partnership with E. P. Holm, under the present firm name. As both partners are comparatively young men, with a thorough training and a great natural ability, their business has rapidly extended over many of the northwestern and middle states. Although the headquarters of their trade are at St. Paul and its bulk is in Minnesota and adjoining territory, they have six hundred live agents located in various sections of the country and have already established an outside business amounting to fifty thousand dollars per year. In 1908 the enterprise was incorporated with a capital stock of seventy-five thousand dollars, its founders admitting S. D. Dysinger into partnership.

Personally, Mr. Olson has been honored with the vice presidency of the Society of American Florists and is a life member of the St. Paul Institute of Arts and Sciences. He also belongs to the Norden, Commercial and Roosevelt Clubs of St. Paul and has fraternal connections with Masonry (Knight Templar and Shriner) and with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, Modern Samaritans, National Union and Independent Order of Foresters. On October 18, 1899, Mr. Olson married Miss Augusta Oslunn, of St. Paul, and they are the parents of four children: George H., born August 6, 1900; Warren W., born October 1, 1902; Helen, born February 11, 1904, and Eugene, born September 25, 1906.

Peter Mattson.—Endowed to a marked degree with those traits of industry, honesty and thrift characteristic of his countrymen, Peter Mattson is one of the successful business men of St. Paul, as a member of the firm of Eklund & Mattson, merchant tailors, has a large and remunerative patronage, his establishment being located in the Medical Block, at the corner of Seventh and Robert streets. A native of Sweden, his birth occurred October 11, 1861. His father, Matthias Mattson, came with his family to Minnesota in 1879, settling in St. Paul, where he followed his trade of a carpenter until a short time prior to his death, in 1903.

Attending the public schools of Sweden when a boy, Peter Mattson completed his early education in the public schools of St. Paul. Soon after coming here he began learning the tailor's trade, and having served his apprenticeship worked as a journeyman for various tailoring firms, continuing thus employed until 1908. Having in the meantime acquired a thorough knowledge of his trade, and experience of value, Mr. Mattson, in partnership with Charles D. Eklund, then opened his present tailoring establishment, and is rapidly building up a substantial business. Both members of the firm are expert cutters and fitters, and turn out thoroughly finished work, competing with any of the artists in their line of work.

When but twenty-two years of age, Mr. Mattson enlisted as a private in the State Militia, which subsequently was merged into the State Guards. He served first for a term of five years, and afterwards reenlisted five times for terms of three years each, serving in all nineteen years. He served first in the cavalry, later in the infantry, and afterwards in the artillery, and was promoted in regular order from private to the rank of lieutenant, in which he was serving when retired from the Guards. His regiment was held in reserve during the Spanish-American war, but was not called to action. Probably but few men of the state have served longer or more faithfully as a soldier than Mr. Mattson, and his military record is one in which he may well take great pride.

Mr. Mattson married, June 10, 1897, Anna Lundblad, who was born and educated in Sweden, and their only child, Sophia C., born August 18, 1898, is a student in the St. Paul public schools. Mrs. Mattson is a member of the Lutheran church, which Mr. Mattson attends, and of which his parents were life-long members.

F. Victor Ekholm.—The men that have been active and useful in establishing and maintaining the business prosperity of St. Paul are of necessity energetic, clear-headed and far-sighted, never afraid to make bold ventures, and always ready to put their shoulders to the wheel of progress. Noteworthy among this number of St. Paul's citizens is F. Victor Ekholm, one of the leading furriers of this part of Ramsey county. Coming from Swedish ancestry, he was born, February 7, 1877, at Brunswick, Minnesota, a son of Andrew Ekholm.

Andrew Ekholm, a native of Sweden, came to the United States about 1870, hoping in this land of promise to secure an independence as regarded his financial condition. He was a carpenter by trade, but after coming to Minnesota took up land in Brunswick, and there followed farming for seven years. Moving then with his family to St. Paul, he was a resident of this city till 1896, when he returned to his farm and still resides there. To him and his wife, whose maiden name was Charlotte Sandell, eight children were born, namely: Carl R., F. Victor, Paul C., Hilda C., John A., Anna M., Mabel E., and Gertrude E.

As a boy and young man F. Victor Ekholm obtained a practical

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education, attending both the day and evening schools of St. Paul, afterwards taking a thorough course of instruction at one of the business colleges. His first employment was that of an errand boy in one of the leading fur stores of this city, and in that capacity he proved himself so eminently trustworthy that he was promoted to cutter and subsequently made foreman. Showing marked ability as a business man, Mr. Ekholm was admitted to the firm in 1905, and continued one of the partners until 1908. Embarking then in business by himself, Mr. Ekholm opened his present establishment at No. 14 East Sixth street, where he carries a superb line of furs of all kinds, and makes a specialty of manufacturing garments from the raw material, selecting for his use only the finest pelts or hides. He repairs and remodels garments in the latest styles, employing in his shop artistic designers and clever cutters, guaranteeing his patrons perfect satisfaction in regard to workmanship. His line of furs include a choice selection of those most in vogue. His collection of black lynx, mink, and other valuable skins being one of the best in the state.

Mr. Ekholm married, September 25, 1907, Ebba Virginia Thoorsell, of St. Paul, and they have one child, Steven Turner, born August 3, 1908. Fraternally Mr. Ekholm is a member of the North Star Benefit Association. Religiously he belongs to the Memorial Evangelical Lutheran church, which he has served for a number of years as deacon and financial secretary, while in its Sunday School he has been active as a teacher.

Otto Hall, dealer in ready-made clothing and gents' furnishing goods, 957 Payne avenue, St. Paul, Minnesota, is a native of Sweden. Mr. Hall was born October 6, 1871, son of S. P. Hall, and in 1880, then a lad of nine years, came with his parents and other members of the family to the United States. His father settled at River Falls, Wisconsin, where he bought a farm and became a prosperous farmer, and where he is now living retired from active life. In this family were eight children: Johana, who married Ola Herstrom; Sarah, who became the wife of John Swenson; Peter J.; August; Christena, who married C. O. Anderson; Emma, who married Victor Moline; Charles, and Otto.

Otto Hall attended public school at River Falls, Wisconsin, and while yet a boy came to St. Paul and began his business career as clerk and messenger boy in a dry-goods store, in which capacity he served two years. He then clerked in a grocery eighteen months, after which he turned his attention to the clothing business. He clerked sixteen years in clothing stores in St. Paul, the last seven years in the Palace Clothing Store, and during that time laid the foundation for a successful business career. On leaving the Palace, he opened a store at 957 Payne avenue, where he has a room 35 by 60 feet in dimensions, well stocked with ready-made clothing and gents' furnishing goods, and where he is regarded as one of the progressive business men of the East Side.

In October, 1896, Mr. Hall married Miss Hilma Peterson, a native of Sweden but for a number of years a resident of St. Paul; daughter of Carl Peterson. They have three children: Hilma, Ambert, and an infant.

David Skooglun, dealer in clothing and gents' furnishing goods, at 896 Payne avenue, St. Paul, Minnesota, is a native of Rush Point, this state, born May 20, 1875, a son of Swedish parents, Olof A. and Anna (Nelson) Skooglun. His father, a carpenter by trade, came to the United States when he was about thirty years of age, and settled at Rush Point, Minnesota, where he has since resided. David attended public school in St. Paul, and received his first business training as clerk in the wholesale house of Gordon & Ferguson, of this city, remaining with the firm two years. Afterward he clerked three years for a St. Paul grocery firm. Then he formed a partnership with his brother, Adolph, and engaged in the grocery business, which they conducted four years. Preferring the clothing business to the one in which he was engaged, he sold out, and entered a clothing house, in which he clerked two years, after which he opened his present store at 896 Payne avenue, where he has a well-selected stock of up-to-date clothing and gents' furnishing goods and is doing a prosperous business, having had as partner, since August, 1907, Mr. J. M. Aurelius.

Mr. Skooglun is a member of the Foresters, the Modern Samaritans, the Modern Woodmen of America, the Swedish Benevolent Society, the Continental Mutual Life, the Provident Life and Trust, and the Swedish Svithiod. Also he is a member of the Swedish Baptist church. September 13, 1900, he married Miss Sophia Oslund, of St. Paul, and they have two children: Ralph D., born July 21, 1902, and Candace M., February 15, 1907.

Elmquist Brothers.—Although a comparatively young organization, the enterprising firm of Elmquist Brothers, located at No. 151 East Ninth street, St. Paul, is carrying on a substantial business as manufacturers of store and office fixtures, sideboards, and china cabinets, wood turning and band sawing. This firm consists of three keen-sighted, progressive men, G. S. Elmquist, C. L. Elmquist, and their brother-in-law, C. A. Enquist, all of whom are skilled mechanics, thoroughly conversant with the details of the different branches of their business. Beginning in a modest way, these gentlemen have from time to time found it imperative to add to their facilities for conducting their operations, and within the past two years have moved two or three times. They are now well located, having a commodious and conveniently arranged building, equipped with the most modern machinery, and are prepared to turn out first-class goods in their line of manufacturing, their products finding a ready sale in St. Paul.

Charles L. Elmquist was born, January 1, 1868, in Sweden, a son

of Frans Carlson. His father, a skilled mechanic, was one of the best known cabinet manufacturers in Southern Sweden, where he carried on an extensive business for many years. He married Unla Ogrem, by whom he had seven children, as follows: Carl L.; Uhan; August; Gustfred S.; Emma C.; Oscar W.; and Almeda, wife of Charles Enquist, of the firm of Elmquist Brothers. After leaving the public schools, Charles L. Elmquist learned the trade of a cabinet maker in his father's factory, working there until 1888. Coming then to St. Paul, he continued at his trade until April 1, 1907, when, in company with his brother, Gustfred S. Elmquist, he established his present business, which is now one of the largest of the kind in the city. He married, February 25, 1895, Anna Knudson, of St. Paul, and they have two children, Carl W., born in September, 1896, and Clara E., born in March, 1899. Both he and his wife are members of the Lutheran church.

Gustfred S. Elmquist, also a son of Frans Carlson, was born in Sweden, January 19, 1873. Educated in the public schools of his native land, he subsequently learned the trade of a cabinet-maker under his father's tuition. At the age of twenty years, desirous of trying the hazard of new fortunes, he emigrated to the United States, locating in St. Paul, Minnesota, where he was employed at jobbing and repairing until he and his brother Charles established their present business, on April 1, 1907. He married, February 25, 1899, Julia M. Nelson, of St. Paul, who was born and educated in Sweden, and of their union three children have been born, namely: Ray E., whose birth occurred November 19, 1902; Egner, born May 13, 1903; and Arthur, born January 18, 1906. He is a member of the Swedish Lutheran church, to which his wife likewise belongs, and for the past nine years has been one of its trustees.

Charles A. Enquist, the remaining member of the firm of Elmquist Brothers, was born in St. Paul, September 12, 1880, a son of John and Caroline Elenquist, who settled at Corner, Minnesota, on coming from Sweden to this country, in 1870, but are now residents of St. Paul. Charles A. Enquist was educated in the graded and high schools of this city, and was afterwards chief clerk in the office of the General Manager of the Chicago Great Western Railway Company for eleven years. On September 1, 1908, he was admitted to the firm of Elmquist Brothers, and has since been actively identified with the advancement of the manufacturing interests of St. Paul. Mr. Enquist married, August 14, 1907, Almeda M. Elmquist, who was born in Sweden, as were her brothers, C. L. and G. S. Elmquist, and was educated at the Central Institute, in Stockholm. Both Mr. and Mrs. Enquist are consistent members of the Swedish Lutheran church.

Peter Westlund, brother of John Westlund, both of St. Paul, Minnesota, was born February 26, 1873, at Perserud, near Arvika, Sweden, son of Anders and Magdelena (*nee* Person) Anderson. Personal men-

tion of other members of the family will be found in the biographical sketch of John Westlund, on another page of this work.

Like his brothers and sisters, Peter attended public school and the Lutheran church, in which at the proper age he was confirmed, and afterward he served an apprenticeship of a year and a half to the carpenter's trade at Gunnarskog. In 1892, he came to America and took up his abode in St. Paul, where he at once found work at his trade. After one year's work at the carpenter's trade, he entered the employ of the Walter A. Woods harvester works, with which he was connected four and a half years. His brother John had preceded him to this country and was engaged in the meat market business. Peter purchased an interest in the establishment. They opened a branch store at 927 Rice street, in 1904, which the junior member of the firm managed until February 1, 1906, when the brothers made a friendly separation, each one taking the market of which he had charge, Peter on Rice street and John on Burr street, and each has continued to do a prosperous business.

The family residence of Peter Westlund is at No. 95 Litchfield avenue, St. Paul. June 6, 1896, he married Miss Börrett Marie Pedersen, who was born May 16, 1872, at Overaas, Vestnas, Molde, Norway. They have four children, namely: Sigard Hjalmar, born April 15, 1897; Walter Lemond, July 25, 1899; Alpha, December 30, 1901, and Berenice Elizabeth, September 8, 1907. The family attend worship at the First Swedish Baptist church in St. Paul. Mr. Westlund has membership in the Modern Americans and the Modern Samaritans.

John Westlund, a successful meat-market man in St. Paul, Minnesota, dates his birth July 29, 1868, at Perserud, near Arvika, Sweden. He is a son of Anders and Magdalena (Person) Anderson, the father born in 1828, the mother in 1832, and both are still living in Sweden. Of their ten children, seven are living, as follows: Kajsa, wife of Emil Person, a farmer in Sweden, and their son, Herman Person, born June 4, 1881, came to America in 1904, and at this writing is in the employ of his uncle, John Westlund, the subject of this sketch; Anders is a resident of Sweden; Ida is the wife of Peter Elofson, a farmer in Sweden; Caroline is the widow of Johannes Olson, a farmer, who died in 1908; Mathilda lives in Sweden, taking care of her aged parents; Peter is a resident of St. Paul, interested in business with his brother John, and Maria, wife of Anders Swenson of Arvika. One daughter, Hanna, died at the age of eighteen years.

After having passed through the public school and been confirmed in the Lutheran church, John Westlund worked on the old homestead until his nineteenth year, when he came to America. Upon his arrival here, he went first to Whitehall, Michigan, where he had a cousin, with whom he remained two weeks. Then he came to St. Paul, Minnesota, which has since been his home, where he has a nice residence and a well established business. After working at odd jobs one year, Mr. West-

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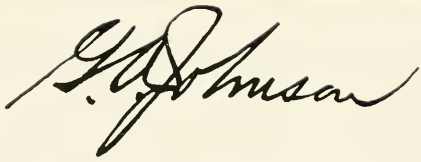

lund learned the painter's trade, and gave his attention to it until 1896. That year he worked in a meat market, then he opened up a meat market on his own account, at 964 Burr street, and for two years conducted it alone, at the end of which time he took in as partner his brother, Peter Westlund. Their trade increased substantially, and so they opened another store, on Rice street, of which Peter took charge and is still conducting, John continuing at the old stand.

In 1908 Mr. Westlund moved his family into their new residence at 521 York street. He married, June 4, 1892, Miss Maria Anderson, who was born in Brunskog, Vermland, January 18, 1867, daughter of Anders and Maria (Wilson) Olson, farmers. Mr. and Mrs. Westlund have had five children, of whom four are living: Elmer Carl Eugene, born in 1896; Arnold Lucene, in 1899; John Rudolph, in 1902; and Edith Marion, in 1907. Mr. Westlund is a member of the Modern Samaritans, and both he and his family belong to the First Swedish Baptist church.

Gustaf Alfred Johnson.—Occupying a position of prominence among the native-born Swedes of Minnesota is Gustaf Alfred Johnson, who has served as deputy clerk of the District Court of Ramsey county during the past twenty years. A native of Sweden, he was born, May 31, 1854, in Vallby parish, Uppland, a son of John and Anna Maria Ersson, farmers, who were the parents of five children, namely: Gustaf Alfred; Sophie, wife of John Carlson, a farmer; Johan Peter; Mathilda, wife to Andreas P. Johanson; and Anders Reinhold, a farmer.

Laying a substantial foundation for his future education in the public schools of Uppland, Gustaf A. Johnson was sent to the Collegiate High School. At the death of his parents, he found himself possessed of an inheritance which enabled him to take a course of study at Agricultural College of Alnarp, from which he was graduated with honors in 1879. Returning to his old home, he began the study of the English language preparatory to taking an agricultural course at Knapton Range, a large estate in England, managed by James Weldon, where he studied from the fall of 1879 until the spring of 1881. Going then to Scotland, Mr. Johnson continued his studies at Dearlton, North Berk, for a number of months. While there he met several Swedish youths bound for America, and they, having excited Mr. Johnson's enthusiasm, easily persuaded him to come with them to this country. Arriving in October, 1881, he spent a very brief time in St. Paul, Minnesota, and then went to the Grandine Farm in North Dakota, where he remained throughout the harvesting season. The lack of sociability, of cleanliness, and of good roads, so disgusted him with the condition of things in that section of the country, that he soon returned to St. Paul. Here Mr. Johnson secured a position with Glidden, Griggs & Company, wholesale grocers, with whom he remained two years, when, on account of not receiving a promised advancement in position and wages, he resigned his place. From that time until

1887, he was salesman for a cigar firm, and then established himself in the real estate business in this city.

Interested in politics from the time he became a resident of St. Paul, Mr. Johnson was employed for about two months, in 1888, as a clerk in the county treasurer's office, and on March 1, 1889, he was advanced to deputy clerk of the District Court, and has since held the position, serving during the first six years under a Democratic administration, and the remaining portion under Republican rule.

Mr. Johnson married, in 1888, Annie M. Andrews, who was born, in 1861, in Vestergotland, Sweden, and to them two children have been born, namely: George Albin Lester, born January 20, 1890; and Mabel Lillian, born February 13, 1892. The son is a student at the University of Minnesota, and the daughter is a pupil in the St. Paul High School. Both children attend the Central Presbyterian church. Politically Mr. Johnson is a straightforward Republican, and has served as chairman of the Republican organization of the First ward. He is prominent in social circles, belonging to many of the leading fraternal organizations, including the following-named: the United Ancient Order of Druids; the Knights of Pythias; the Knights of the Maccabees; the Modern Woodmen of America; and the Yeomen of America. He is likewise affiliated with numerous Swedish societies, including the Vega, the Swedish Citizens' Association, the East Side Commercial Club, and the Norden Club. He has been presiding officer of many of these organizations, and since 1895 has acted as grand secretary for the Druids in the state of Minnesota, in which capacity he has traveled extensively throughout the state, looking after the interests of the members of the order, particularly those of his countrymen.

Carl Emil Dahl, superintendent of the fur manufacturing department of Gordon, Ferguson & Co., St. Paul, Minnesota, is a native of Sweden, dating his birth at Falun, December 23, 1870. He is a son of Hans Johan and Emma (*nee* Hellstrom) Dahl, both of whom died in Sweden. The father was for many years proprietor of a restaurant in Falun. He was twice married. By his first wife he had eight children, namely: Hjalmar, deceased; Erik, deceased; Emmy, wife of Wilhelm Okerblom, of Los Angeles, California; Carl Emil, whose name heads this sketch; Ernst, a bookbinder of Brooklyn, New York; John, assistant foreman in the establishment of Gordon, Ferguson & Co., above referred to; George, deceased; and Anna, deceased. By his second wife, Maria Dahl (*nee* Baikstrom), who is still living, he had three children: Esther, wife of Frithiof Strandberg, a banker of Noorland, Sweden; Anna, cashier for the Falun Brewing Company; and George, assistant auditor of Noorlands Enskilda Bank, of Falun.

Carl Emil was educated in the training school for teachers at Falun, which he left at the early age of thirteen and a half years and went to Ostersund to learn the trade of furrier, which trade he mastered in its

every detail. On becoming of age in 1891, he entered the Swedish army, in which he served one year, after which he came to America. June 23, 1892, he landed in St. Paul, Minnesota. Here he accepted a position with E. Sundkrist, with whom he remained until the fall of 1893, when he went to Chicago to enter the employ of Marshall Field & Company. He was connected with the fur department of that large establishment until Christmas, 1894, when he returned to St. Paul, where he has since remained, with Gordon, Ferguson & Company. In 1899, he was made assistant foreman, and in 1903 was promoted to the position of superintendent of the manufacturing business, which at that time was divided into two departments. In September, 1907, he was placed in charge of the whole manufacturing department, a position he has since filled.

June 22, 1904, he married Miss Anna Moberg, a native of St. Paul, born November 4, 1881; and they reside at 1113 Lincoln avenue. They attend the English Memorial Lutheran church. He is a member of the Swedish Brothers, and the Norden Club. Being gifted with a fine bass voice, he naturally has been sought as a member of various singing societies, and has been identified with the Vega, Orpheus, Apollo, and the Arpi Singing Club.

Louis J. Larson.—Success in the business and industrial world, while it may be furthered by educational privileges, is by no means dependent thereon, as is abundantly proven in case of many who, although such advantages have for the most part been denied them, have attained positions of prosperity and usefulness in the commercial world. Louis J. Larson, an expert contracting plasterer of St. Paul, who came when a boy, had no opportunities offered him out of which to lay the foundation for a successful career, except those which were within him in the nature of resident force—firm resolution, perseverence and willingness to work. He looked within himself for bringing his inborn abilities to bear upon conditions as he found them, he gradually succeeded to stations of advantage until he finally established for himself the reputation of being one of the most reliable and efficient contract-plasterers in the city.

Vermland, Sweden, is the native state of Mr. Larson. There he was born October 22, 1859, a son of Lars Augustus Larson, who followed agricultural pursuits for a livelihood. The public schools afforded him his educational advantages, while during the months the school was not in session he assisted his father in the duties of the farm, thus becoming inured to physical labor and having his energies directed into channels of thrift and economy which formed the foundation for his future development and prosperity. Upon the home farm he spent his life until he was in his twentieth year, or until May 7, 1880, when impressed with the news of the larger opportunities offered by the New World, he embarked for the United States. He first located in Stillwater, Minnesota, where he became an apprentice to his uncle, John O. Larson, who was a

contracting plasterer. With him he completed his trade, remaining in his employ until 1884, when he repaired to St. Paul and worked as journeyman for James Cullen, who is recognized for his proficiency at the trade. Meanwhile Mr. Larson had bent every energy to master the details of the business, and his success is evident from the fact that during the last three years he worked for Mr. Cullen he acted as foreman and had the supervision of a number of important contracts. Mr. Larson severed his relations with Mr. Cullen in 1893, and, in partnership with his brother, Charles Larson, began to execute contracts independently. After six years, however, the partnership was dissolved and Mr. Larson conducted the business alone, his brother laboring with him as a journeyman plasterer until 1908. His expert and careful workmanship, rigid adherence to specifications, solicitation to thoroughly execute his contracts and strictly honorable business methods, have won him steady and permament advancement until now he is considered among the best and most trustworthy men in his line of trade in the Twin Cities. Many evidences of his superior artisanship are to be seen in the local city, and at present he has the contract for the plain and ornamental plastering on the new Masonic Temple, of St. Paul.

Mr. Larson began his domestic life with his marriage to Miss Carrie F. Westlund, March 4, 1885. They have four children: Amanda, born December 29, 1885, who received her education in the common school and graduated from St. Paul high school; George W., born October 6, 1887; Ethel, born February 8, 1889; and Agnes, who was born September 24, 1892, and died November 13, 1902. Mr. Larson holds fraternal relations with the Modern Woodmen of America, while his religious convictions become apparent upon mention that he is a member of the Swedish Lutheran church. Progressive regarding his own business concerns, interested in the welfare of the city and evidencing those qualities requisite to good citizenship, Mr. Larson is entitled to worthy mention as a representative type of St. Paul's industrious and enterprising factors.

John August Swenson, of St. Paul, who has been identified with the executive work of the state government for the past fifteen years, and is a musician of rare technical knowledge and talents, is a son of one of the early Swedish-American pioneers of Minnesota. Nels Swenson, his father, was born in Skifvarp parish, Skåne, Sweden, on the 2d of February, 1830, coming to the United States in 1856 and locating at Moline, Illinois, where he worked at the John Deere Plow Works. On July 25, 1857, he married Miss Kersti Håkansdotter, who had been born at Öfverlöf, in his native province, July 10, 1826, and had just arrived from Sweden. In 1861 the parents moved to Centre City, with their infant son, John A., and resided in that place for ten years. During the Civil war the father had enlisted in Company D, Second Regiment of Minnesota Veteran Volunteer Infantry, receiving his honorable discharge from the service July 11, 1865, at Louisville, Kentucky. In 1871 the family moved

to Vasa, Goodhue county, where the father died September 26, 1894. He is buried in the Swedish Lutheran cemetery of that place, having been a faithful member of that denomination since boyhood. Nels Swenson and his wife were the parents of three children, John August, Sven David and Hannah Swenson.

John A. Swenson, the oldest of the children, was born at Moline, Illinois, May 12, 1860, and obtained his elementary education in the common schools of Centre City and Vasa. He worked on his father's farm at the latter place until he was eighteen years of age, when he went to St. Peter and spent three years there as a student in the Gustavus Adolphus College. After leaving that institution he taught in the public schools of Vasa for two years, and in 1884 located at Duluth, Minnesota, where he secured a position in the county auditor's office, which he held for four years. He served as deputy register of deeds of St. Louis county in 1889-90; was connected with the office of clerk of the court at Superior, Wisconsin, in 1891-2; was variously employed at his old home in Vasa during 1893-4, and in the latter year was appointed to a position in the office of the secretary of state under Albert Berg, being identified with that department for a period of twelve years. In January, 1907, he accepted a position with Samuel G. Iverson, state auditor, which he still holds.

In the above is drawn the practical, business phase of Mr. Swenson's life. He has another striking side, refined and mellowed by years of musical culture, and which has found expression in his career as organist, choir leader, band director, composer and publisher. He founded the original Arpi Club, a Swedish male chorus composed of the following members: Professor O. A. Olson, now of Litchfield, Minnesota; Messrs. N. P. Wold, Oscar Anderson and J. A. Swenson of St. Paul; Hon. Albert Berg, now of Spooner, Minnesota; Hon. J. F. Dahl, of Minneapolis, and Prof. Gustav Holmquist, now of Chicago, Illinois. In honor of this club, so noted in the musical circles of Minnesota Swedish-Americans, he compiled and published the "Arpiklubbens Album for Male Voices," afterward commencing the publication of "Sången," a Swedish musical journal which was shortly suspended, however, as its proper management and development were attended with more labor and expense than its projector could afford to expend. Mr. Swenson has published several volumes of music, including his own compositions, and is considered in every way a most worthy patron of Swedish-American music in the northwest. On October 3, 1885, he was married to Miss Tillie Englund, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Englund, of Vasa, Minnesota. Mrs. Swenson was born in Vermland, Sweden, September 8, 1863, and has become the mother of six children: Winford Aurelius, born at Duluth, Minnesota, September 21, 1886; Edgar Constans, born in that city August 18, 1888; Ethel Dorothea, born in Superior, Wisconsin, April 27, 1891; Hazel Naomi, born at Vasa, Minnesota, May 19, 1893; Frances

Marion, born in St. Paul, August 28, 1896, and Albert William Clarence, also born in the capital city June 27, 1898.

Rev. Sven David (Swenson) Hawkins, second son of Mr. and Mrs. Nels Swenson, is pastor of the Swedish Lutheran church at Troy, Idaho. He is a native of Centre City, Minnesota, born November 30, 1863, and is a graduate of Gustavus Adolphus College, St. Peter, and Augustana College, Rock Island, Illinois. After leaving college he taught school and served as organist at various places, later becoming book-keeper of the Lutheran Augustana Book Concern at Rock Island and holding the position for a number of years. Ordained to the Lutheran ministry of the Augustana Synod in June, 1906, his present charge, as stated, is over the church at Troy, Idaho. Rev. Mr. Hawkins was married at Rock Island, March 29, 1894, to Miss Louisa Fredrickson, daughter of Magnus and Maria (Johanson) Fredrickson, who was born at Hångsdala, Sweden, January 30, 1867, and located at Oregon, Illinois, in 1883. Mr. and Mrs. Hawkins have three children: Eskil Theodore, born February 17, 1895; Ivar Daniel, born January 2, 1898; and Alma Elizabeth, born April 13, 1900, all natives of Rock Island.

Hannah Swenson, now Mrs. Nels G. Anderson, of Vasa, Minnesota, is the only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Nels Swenson, and was born at Centre City, Minnesota, May 17, 1867. First educated in the public schools of Vasa, that state, she then attended Gustavus Adolphus College for two years, subsequently teaching school until her marriage. This occurred December 25, 1894. Mr. and Mrs. Anderson reside with their family at Vasa. There they became the parents of the following: Nels Wilhelm, born October 15, 1895; Anton Erhard, born March 17, 1897; Arthur Melvin, born September 24, 1898; Oscar Fridolph, born February 15, 1900; Delmer Richard, born October 31, 1904; and Ruth Hildegard, born May 20, 1907.

Erik Sundkvist, well known as the St. Paul furrier, was born at Ostersund, Jemtland, April 8, 1853, son of Erik and Christine Olson, and one of the three sons out of five that are now living. The eldest brother, Olof Sundkvist, is a farmer of Isanti county, Minnesota, and the youngest is a contractor in Sweden. The parents being engaged in agricultural pursuits the children were reared on a farm and were educated in the public schools.

At the age of fifteen, Erik was apprenticed to the trade of hatter and, later, to that of furrier, and in due time became master of both trades Then for two years he carried on a fur business at Ostersund, which he sold, in 1880, in order to come to America. In the meantime he had married, and some of his wife's relatives had emigrated to this country and settled in Isanti county, Minnesota.; and upon the arrival of Mr. Sundkvist and his wife in New York, they directed their way to Isanti county, where they remained during the summer. In the fall they came to St. Paul, where he entered the employ of E. Albrecht, for whom he

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worked two years. Afterward he was with Gordon & Ferguson, the largest fur house in the world. Leaving them in 1889, he engaged in business for himself, on Payne avenue, St. Paul, from whence, in 1894, he moved to Seventh and Waucota streets, at the latter location having a partner, whose interest, however, he bought in 1908. He still continues at this location and now has associated with him his son, Carl Oscar Sundkvist, the firm style being E. Sundkvist & Co.

Mr. Sundkvist resides with his family at 852 Holly avenue, St. Paul. He has been twice married. In 1878, he married Miss Elizabeth Sohlberg, who died, a few years later, in St. Paul, leaving him with two children: Carl Oscar, born November 27, 1881, and Elizabeth, born February 15, 1883. In August, 1886, Mr. Sundkvist married a widow, Mrs. Anna Johnson (*nee* Backlund), and the fruits of this union are three daughters and one son, as follows: Lillie, born April 30, 1890; Judith and Emma, twins, born September 15, 1892; and Gerald, born November 14, 1897. The family belong to the First Swedish Lutheran church, of which Mr. Sundkvist has been a trustee for a number of years. He is also a member of Bethesda Sick Benefit Society.

Otto Peterson, who deals in wood and coal and conducts a general transfer business, with headquarters at 1010 Payne avenue, St. Paul, Minnesota, has been identified with the city since he landed here twenty-five years ago. Mr. Peterson was born in Blekingé, the southern part of Sweden, February 13, 1864, son of Peter Johnson, a well-to-do farmer, and was left an orphan at the age of eight years. From his eighth to his fifteenth year he made his home with his sister, working on the farm in summer and in winter attending public school. When he was fifteen he went to Germany. There he was employed in farm work for three years, at the end of that time returning to Sweden, and in 1883 coming to the United States and becoming a resident of St. Paul. Here he was variously employed until 1890, when, having saved a portion of his earnings, he entered into a partnership with John A. Peterson and engaged in the flour, feed and fuel business. This partnership continued for eight years, when the subject of our sketch sold out and formed a new partnership for the same business. At the end of another eight years the store was burned. That was April 1, 1908. One year prior to the fire Mr. Peterson purchased his partner's interest, and has since conducted the business under his own name, dealing in coal and wood and also doing a general transfer and moving business.

October 2, 1892, Mr. Peterson married Miss Beda Charlotte Moberg, who bore him two children: Elmer W., who died at the age of nine months, and Florence K. The mother of these children died April 2, 1901, and in November, 1903, he married her sister, Sofia.

For more than sixteen years Mr. Peterson has been a member of the Swedish Brotherhood; also he is a member of the Swedish Lutheran

church and is one of its trustees. He owns his residence at 767 York street.

Aron Erickson.—Prominent among the leading merchants of St. Paul is Aron Erickson, who has a large, well-kept, and elegantly equipped shoe store at No. 970 Payne avenue. A native of Sweden, he was born, July 27, 1863, in Vestergötland, near Borås, a son of Erick Parson. His father died in October, 1863, leaving his widow with six small children, Aron, the youngest, being but ten weeks old. Although left without means, she labored with persistent energy, and by patient self-sacrifice and wise economy reared and educated her family.

When through school Aron Erickson assisted his mother in her labors by working at odd jobs, remaining at home until fourteen years working there for farmers until twenty-two years old. Emigrating to this country in 1886, he came directly to St. Paul, and for awhile worked as a railroad hand, or at any employment that he could find. He was subsequently made agent for the Lutheran Augustana Book Concern of Rock Island, Illinois, acting in that capacity for five years. While in that position Mr. Erickson not only made good money, but gained valuable experience, and a knowledge of human nature and character that he could obtain in no other manner. In 1900 Mr. Erickson embarked in business on his own account, opening his present shoe establishment in St. Paul. In this venture he has been exceedingly prosperous, keeping a fine stock of shoes, both as regards quality and quantity, being ever ready to meet the demands of his numerous customers. Since locating in this city, Mr. Erickson has twice visited his mother, who is now, in the summer of 1909, a venerable woman of eighty-seven years, still living in her daughter's home near Gothenburg, Sweden.

Mr. Erickson is an active and influential member of the Swedish Lutheran church, which he has served for many years as a deacon and a trustee, likewise being a member of the Board of Foreign Missions connected with the church. He is interested in its Sunday School, in which he was a teacher for a long while.

S. J. Nelson.—A man of push and energy, S. J. Nelson has achieved success in his active career, and is a fine representative of the self-made men of Minnesota. By industry, perseverance and economy he has gradually climbed the ladder of progress, from a day laborer having worked his way upward until now he has a well-established mercantile business at No. 1003 Payne avenue, St. Paul, where he deals in flour and feed. A son of Nels Olson, he was born, May 21, 1871, in Sweden, and was there reared and educated, attending the public schools, and afterwards assisting in the labors incidental to life on a farm.

Immigrating to the United States in 1893, Mr. Nelson came directly across the country to St. Paul, where for a time he accepted any remunerative employment. Ambitious and progressive, he wisely saved his money,

and when he had accumulated a sufficient sum started in business on his own account, buying, in March, 1908, his present feed and flour store. Genial, accommodating, and strictly honest in all of his dealings, he has here built up a good and constantly increasing trade, being favorably known throughout the community.

Mr. Nelson married, in 1900, Annie K. Madson, of Minneapolis, who was born in Sweden, and they have one child, Otto Harry, born March 20, 1903. Mr. and Mrs. Nelson are valued members of the Lutheran church, with which he has been connected since his boyhood days.

Charles J. Carlson.—For a full quarter of a century a resident of St. Paul, Charles J. Carlson, one of the best known and most popular of its Swedish-born citizens, may well be called one of its old settlers. Throughout his residence here, he has ever evinced a warm interest in local progress and improvements, and has been especially active in the management of the political affairs of the First and Second wards of the city. For twenty or more years Mr. Carlson has served the county in a clerical position, being now an employe in the office of the county treasurer, where he devotes his time and energies to the faithful performance of the duties devolving upon him in this capacity, ever mindful of the interests of the people. He was born, January 2, 1859, in Borås, Vestergötland, Sweden, where his parents, Emanuel and Charlotte Carlson, were life-long residents. His father, a prosperous business man, and the owner of a tannery, was born in 1821, and died in 1878.

The only child of his parents, Charles J. Carlson received his elementary education in the public schools, after which he attended the Borås College for six years. He subsequently became chief clerk in the freight department of the State Railways, and retained the position until 1883. Deciding then to cast his lot with those of his countrymen who had found America a field rich with promises, Mr. Carlson emigrated to this country, in 1884 locating in St. Paul, which has since been his home, his present place of residence being at No. 1098 East Seventh street. For four years after coming here he was employed at different kinds of labor, in the meantime becoming familiar with the customs and language of the people. In 1888 M. J. Bell, then registrar of deeds for Ramsey county, appointed Mr. Carlson to a position in his office, where he continued for five years. In 1893 Mr. Carlson accepted a more remunerative position in the county treasurer's office, and has since retained this position, with the exception of the period in which the State Legislature of 1899 was in session, when he served as clerk of its reapportionment committee. Having served in his present capacity under four different county treasurers, it is generally conceded that Mr. Carlson has a more thorough knowledge of the work of that office than any other employe, and his opinions and judgment in financial matters are much respected.

Mr. Carlson married, in 1891, Elizabeth Theodora Proetz, daughter

of August Proetz, and they have two children, namely: Carl Albert, born in 1892; and Edna Katharina, born in 1895. Fraternally Mr. Carlson has for many years been an active member of the Modern Woodmen of America.

John E. Holt.—Representative among the plumbing and heating contractors of St. Paul is John E. Holt, who conducts a business of large proportions and profitable nature and stands in the front rank of the city's expert mechanics and men of affairs. His career is an excellent recommendation of his executive ability and his sagacity in the manipulation of circumstances in the furtherance of honorable ends. Without family influence or pecuniary means, Mr. Holt came to the United States from Sweden, when he was sixteen years old, and from that period of his life has attained commendable prominence through independent effort, sustained by laudable ambition, innate ability and manly confidence.

Born in Calunar Län, Madesjö parish, Sweden, on the 17th of January, 1867, Mr. Holt is a son of Nels and Helena (Johnson) Holt. His father was a farmer and under his training the boy imbibed those sound ideas of economy and practical conservatism which enabled him under American conditions to succeed in his business ventures. He obtained a complete public school education before he emigrated to the United States, and in 1883 left home, first locating in Chisago county, where he was employed on his uncle's farm until the spring of 1885. In the meantime, by attendance at the public schools during the winters of 1883 and 1884, he had obtained a "working knowledge" of the English language, and in the fall of 1885 became a plumber's apprentice in the establishment of W. J. Franey of St. Paul. Completing his preparation in the shop of J. P. Adamson, he continued with the latter as an employee for four years, during which he not only thoroughly mastered every detail of the trade but of the general business connected with plumbing and heating appliances. Upon severing his relations with Mr. Adamson, he located at Duluth and other towns as a journeyman plumber, further enlarging his experience and fitting himself for an independent venture. This was made in 1893, when he formed a partnership with C. P. Dahlby, under the style of Holt & Dahlby, plumbers and heating contractors. They transacted a successful business for twelve years, their high-class services and honorable methods continually adding to their popularity and the volume of their trade. In 1906 Mr. Holt purchased his partner's interest and has since conducted the business alone, its greatest growth occurring during that period.

The wide popularity and firm confidence which Mr. Holt has earned in business has also been reflected upon his public relations. For years he has taken a lively interest in the Republican party, and in 1900 his friends and supporters in the First ward elected him to the city council. The record of his first term insured his re-election in 1902, and the faithful and able performance of his aldermanic duties for the four years brought him

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a nomination to the assembly of the state in 1904. But that was the year of the Democratic landslide in Minnesota, and Mr. Holt was swept away with his fellow Republicans, only one of his associates being elected. In his fraternal and social relations, he is affiliated with the Masonic order, as a Shriner and a Knight Templar; with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, Modern Woodmen of America, and the United Swedish Sons of America. His firm religious faith is indicated by his membership in the English Memorial Lutheran church, of which he has been an active member and served as chairman of the building committee.

On the 23rd of August, 1890, Mr. Holt was united in marriage, at St. Paul, to Miss Kate Dannielson, a lady who was born and educated in Sweden. They have one child, Edith Gertrude, whose birth occurred March 4, 1898. In his character of husband and father, Mr. Holt rounds out those individual traits which mark him as the highest type of the industrious, able, honest and domestic American citizen of Swedish nativity.

Nels Pearson.—An active, practical and successful business man of St. Paul, Nels Pearson is widely known as senior member of the wide-awake firm called "The Arlington Livery," which is located at the corner of Wells street and Payne avenue. He was born, August 17, 1867, in Trup, Sweden, being one of the eleven children born to Mr. and Mrs. Pear Nelson, five of whom have passed to the life beyond, while six are living, namely: Caroline, wife of Bank Nelson; Jacob; Hannah, who married Axel Carlson; Nels, the subject of this sketch; Swan Bengta; and Erick.

Bred and educated in Sweden, Nels Pearson grew to manhood on the parental farm, assisting in its management until 1886, when he followed the tide of emigration across the Atlantic to Ottumwa, Iowa, where he remained about a year. Coming to St. Paul in 1887 he worked for a year and a half in a local creamery, after which he was employed in a livery and feed stable until May 1, 1905. Becoming familiar with the business, he then, in company with C. W. Swanson, opened a livery stable of his own. Six months later the partnership with Mr. Swanson was dissolved, and Mr. Pearson combined forces with Frank O. Anderson, and under the firm name of Pearson & Anderson opened their present livery stable, which is the only one in the First ward of the city. The firm's livery equipment is complete in every respect, and these enterprising gentlemen are ever ready to respond to calls of every kind, furnishing elegant and appropriate outfits for funerals, weddings or light calls, answering cheerfully and promptly all demands made upon them by their long line of patrons.

On January 15, 1901, Mr. Pearson married Selma Marie Blomster, of St. Paul, a native of Sweden, and into their household five children have made their advent, namely: Otto Leonard, Oscar A., Aditis M., Raymond Herbert, and Adolph M. Mr. Pearson is prominent in various fraternal organizations, belonging to the United Ancient Order of

Druids; to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows; to the Modern Woodmen of America; and to the Woodmen of the World. He is likewise a member of the Swedish United Sons of America; of the Norden Club; and of the East Side Commercial Club. Religiously he is a member of the Episcopal church.

John Carlson, of the firm of Nelson & Carlson, contracting painters, 668 Jessamine street, St. Paul., Minnesota, was born May 28, 1869, in the province of Venoman, Sweden, son of John and Christina Carlson. In his youth he had the advantage of the usual public-school education of his native land, and assisted his father on the farm. In 1886, while yet a boy in his teens, he came to the United States, and at Deer Lake, Michigan, found employment in the lumber camps, remaining there one year. Then he came to St. Paul and for some time was variously employed, working at whatever he could get to do. Next we find him engaged in coal mining in Iowa. From a common laborer, he was promoted until he was in charge of a mining machine and soon became expert in his work. While attending to his duties as machine manager, he met with an accident in which he sustained serious injuries, four ribs and his left arm being broken, his back injured and his skull fractured. To the fact that he had lived a correct life, avoiding all forms of dissipation, and that he had a strong constitution, was due his recovery from these numerous injuries. After being an invalid and a great sufferer for four years and having a hard time to get along, he was able to go to work again, and he turned his attention to painting, a trade which he had learned some years before he went to the mines. In 1903, he formed a partnership with Theodore Nelson, under the firm name of Nelson & Carlson, contracting painters. From its beginning, the business of this firm prospered, and has continued to grow, until now the firm has contracts for work not only in St. Paul and vicinity but also government and railroad contracts in other western states, including Montana and Idaho.

For a number of years Mr. Carlson has been prominent and active in church and Sabbath School work. He is one of the trustees of the Swedish Baptist church; for years was a faithful teacher in the Sunday School, and is now Sunday School superintendent; and as treasurer of the Sick, Help and Burial Fund Association, a church society, he has been identified with a work that has done an immense amount of good in relieving the distressed. He is one of the directors and a member of the executive board of the Mound Park Sanatorium.

May 5, 1897, Mr. Carlson married Miss Caroline Sarvenson, of St. Paul, daughter of Sovey and Ellen Sarvenson, and they have had three children: Bernice M., born October 30, 1899, died July 5, 1902; Alice L., born January 27, 1901; Lorma C., born February 2, 1908. Like her husband, Mrs. Carlson is a member of the Swedish Baptist church, and is prominent and active in its various societies.

Edwin Sjoberg, dealer in real estate and fire insurance, at 313 Jackson street, St. Paul, was born September 1, 1858, in Silbodall parish, Vermland, Sweden. He is a son of Per and Marie (Danielson) Sjoberg; the former, born in 1910, died in 1876, and the latter, born in 1819, died in 1864. Per Sjoberg was a farmer, lumber dealer and "namdeman." He and his wife had nine children, of which seven are dead, the survivors being Daniel, a widower, born in 1847, and Edwin, both living in St. Paul.

Edwin Sjoberg received his education in the public schools, and afterwards was in the employ of his father, later becoming engaged in business on his own account, dealing in lumber and timber, until he emigrated to America in 1880, coming to St. Paul and securing a position with the wholesale drug house of Noyes Brothers & Cutler, for which firm he worked until 1890, when he engaged in real estate and fire insurance business on his own account. Mr. Sjoberg has been successful in a business way, having one of the most profitable and largest insurance agencies of the Swedes of Minnesota and is considered a representative, patriotic and well-to-do citizen of St. Paul, having a fine residence at 1029 Jenks street, at which the family, consisting of Mr. Sjoberg and daughter, Elsie E. Sjoberg, born October 31, 1891, reside during the winters and spending the summers at Mr. Sjoberg's large and well appointed farm at Inver Grove, being one-half hour's trip from the city by electric railway.

Charles E. Larson, of St. Paul, was born January 22, 1866, in Sweden, and is the son of Charles E. and Johanna Larson, the former of whom died in 1872. The father was born, educated and married in Sweden, and in 1868 emigrated to the United States, locating in Chicago, Illinois. He became employed in Lincoln Park, caring for the grounds, and remained in this position until his death. Charles E. and Johanna Larson had three children, namely: Emma, became the wife of C. A. Rose, of St. Paul; Charles E.; and Matilda, who married Theodore Peterson, of St. Paul.

Charles E. Larson received his education in the public schools and then worked several years on a farm. When nineteen years of age he removed to St. Paul, where he worked at various kinds of employment until 1890, then becoming a clerk in the employ of Olaf Olson, grand recorder for the state of Minnesota of the Ancient Order of United Workmen. In February, 1902, Mr. Olson died, and Mr. Larson succeeded him in the office of grand recorder, which he still holds. The order was organized in Minnesota in 1877, and since that time has disbursed over seven million dollars, the amount of annual disbursements now being about half a million, and the office of grand recorder thus requires considerable ability and demands considerable time and attention. It is a fraternal benefit association and has a growing membership. Mr. Larson has had several years' experience in the office, and

has filled it creditably. He is a devout member of the Lutheran church and belongs also to the Knights of Pythias and the Norden Club of St. Paul.

Mr. Larson married, in May, 1886, Rose Nelson, and they have three children, namely: Robert, born March 10, 1897; Edward, born in June, 1901; and Arthur, in 1904.

Charles J. Nelson.—Conspicuous among the leading citizens of St. Paul is Charles J. Nelson, a quick-witted, brainy man, active in financial, political and social circles, who is actively identified with the industrial and business interests of the city as secretary, treasurer, and inside manager of the Minnesota Laundry Company. A native of Sweden, he was born, July 11, 1864, in Hersebrata, a son of Oluf and Anna Nelson, who came with their family to the United States in 1870, locating in St. Paul.

A lad of six years when he was brought to St. Paul, Charles J. Nelson received his early education in the public schools of this city. When but thirteen years old he began hustling for himself and has since been practically self-supporting. He first worked as a farm laborer, afterwards being employed for a few months on the railroad, and subsequently working in a dry goods establishment. In 1883 Mr. Nelson entered the employment of the Minnesota Laundry Company as a driver of the delivery wagon. Beginning in this humble capacity, he made himself so useful that he was promoted from step to step, and is now not only manager of the inside work of the laundry, but is secretary and treasurer of the company, which is one of the largest and best known in the Twin Cities. Mr. Nelson has now been associated with this company for twenty-six years, and has been an important factor in the upbuilding of its present extensive and lucrative business.

Mr. Nelson is one of the leading members of the Republican party, and in 1898, urged by his large circle of friends, he became a candidate for the Assembly, was elected, and in 1900 was reëlected to the same public office. In 1908 he was again elected by the largest vote of the year and leading all other candidates on the ticket. During his service as assemblyman he was a member of several committees of importance, perhaps the most notable having been the committee which made negotiations with the Great Northern Railway Company to locate its shops in St. Paul, a matter of special interest to this city. Mr. Nelson also had the distinction of being chosen, with Dr. Whitcomb, to represent St. Paul at the funeral of President McKinley, in Canton, Ohio.

On September 22, 1891, Mr. Nelson married Alma C. Ringstrom, a native of Sweden, and they have one child, Cecil, born August 28, 1892, a student in the St. Paul high school. Fraternally Mr. Nelson is a member of the Independent Order of Foresters, and of the Swedish Bethesda Benevolent Society.

Christian Ek, a skilled mechanic of St. Paul, was born October 12, 1872, in Sweden, and is the son of Lars Ek. He received his education in the public schools of his native country, and when a young man served as apprentice to a blacksmith. In 1890 he emigrated to the United States, locating at St. Paul. Here he found employment at his trade with Schurmeier Wagon Company, and his services were so satisfactory that he remained with them fourteen years. He then visited his native country, being gone about eight months, and on his return became employed in St. Paul by Scott & Company, carriage builders, with whom he remained two years. At the end of this time he began working for Torkelson Carriage Manufacturing Company, on Selby avenue, and is still in the employ of this concern. Mr. Ek is thorough master of his trade, and his skill and good habits are given due appreciation by his employers. He is a man of high character and good standing and a public spirited citizen. He is a member of the Modern Woodmen of America and the United Swedish Sons of America.

Mr. Ek married, May 25, 1903, Marie Berglund, who was born and educated in Sweden, and the union has been blessed with one child, Almer C., born June 30, 1904.

Charles Bergstrom of the firm of Bergstrom Brothers, plumbers, 820 Payne avenue, St. Paul, Minnesota, was born in Meeker county, this state, August 24, 1877, and is of Swedish descent, his parents being Peter M. and Anna C. (Olson) Bergstrom. Peter M. Bergstrom landed in the United States in 1863 and that same year located in Meeker county, Minnesota, where he took claim to a tract of land and became a prosperous farmer. He is the father of the following named children: Alfred; Martin F.; William, deceased; Annie C., wife of Charles C. Broberg; Robert; Charles; E. Amanda and Clara V., both deceased; William; Theodore; Josie, who married Edward Boren, and Dora.

Charles Bergstrom was educated in the public schools of his native county. Up to the time he was twenty-one he assisted his father in the work of the farm, and on reaching his majority he became an apprentice to the plumber's trade. After learning his trade he worked at it seven years before going into business for himself. In 1905 he formed a partnership with his brother William, under the firm name of Bergstrom Bros., plumbing and heating, and they established themselves at their present location, 820 Payne avenue, St. Paul, where they are doing a prosperous business.

Mr. Bergstrom has identified himself with numerous fraternal organizations, including the Master Plumbers' Association, the East End Commercial Club, the Swedish United Sons of America, the Scandinavian American Liberty Club, the Modern Woodmen of America, the Knights of Pythias and the Masonic Order. Also he is a member of the Swedish Episcopal church.

May 20, 1907, he married Miss Gertrude Tunberg. She is of

Swedish descent, but was born and reared in St. Paul, daughter of Charles Tunberg.

Oscar William Johnson.—The American-born Swedes of St. Paul have no more worthy representative than Oscar W. Johnson, who holds an official position in the department of state, being deputy weigher in the state weighmaster's office. A man of integrity and honesty, eminently trustworthy, his services are appreciated by his employers, and he is frequently sent, in the interests of the grain department, on official business to different parts of Minnesota. A son of the late Eric Johnson, he was born, November 7, 1878, in St. Paul, which has always been his home, residing at the present time at No. 705 Reaney street.

Born in Dahlsland, Sweden, in 1837, Eric Johnson emigrated to St. Paul in 1870, and soon after coming here established a shoe store, which he conducted successfully until his death, in 1891. His wife, whose maiden name was Sophia Olson, was born, in 1835, in Vermland, Sweden, and died, July 4, 1907, in St. Paul. Three children were born of their marriage, namely: Nettie E., born in 1872, died in 1906; Emma C., born in 1875, married Lewis P. Burlingham, a wholesale and retail stationery merchant of Stillwater, Minnesota, and they have one child, Harvey Preston, born in 1903; and Oscar W., the special subject of this sketch.

At the age of fifteen years, having completed his early studies in the city schools, Oscar W. Johnson worked for three years as an apprentice in a printing establishment. The work and the confinement not agreeing with his health, he then accepted a position in the "Golden Rule," the largest department store in St. Paul, and for six years was manager of its Bicycles and Fishing Supply department. His health not improving, Mr. Johnson, upon the advice of his physician, resigned that position, and in order to be more out of doors became solicitor for Charles Ek, groceries, with whom he remained until 1905. Accepting then his present position in the State Weigh Master's office, he has since served most satisfactorily to all concerned as deputy weigher in the grain department, performing the duties of his office with ability and fidelity.

For a long time Mr. Johnson has been an active member and an earnest worker in the Lincoln Club of the Second ward, and for the past ten years he has belonged to Minnehaha Camp No. 674, Modern Woodmen of America.

Elof P. Holm, of the firm of Holm & Olson, florists, St. Paul, Minnesota, was born at Abyholm, Blekingé Län, Sweden, October 23, 1871, son of Peter and Gustafva (Svenson) Peterson. In their family were six children, four sons and two daughters, namely: Carl Victor, Elof, Marianna, Olof, Anna Mathilda and Israel, all of whom were educated in the public schools and confirmed in the Lutheran church.

In 1887, Peter Peterson came to American. The following year he

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sent for Carl Victor and Elof. They sent for Olof and Marianna, and later for Anna, and last of all came Mrs. Peterson with her youngest son, Israel. She was reluctant to leave the old home and come to a new, strange country, but finally her husband went back to Sweden and brought her over, and she has gradually become accustomed to her new surroundings. Mr. Peterson is now employed in his son's greenhouse.

On his arrival in this country, Elof worked on a farm, and in the winter and evenings studied under the instruction of a school teacher who boarded at the farm. Later, he worked on another farm near Northfield, Minnesota, the owner of which, Mr. A. B. Lewis, subsequently obtained a job for the young Swede in a greenhouse at St. Paul, where he learned the florist's business. After working in the greenhouse for a short time, the proprietor placed him in charge of his store in the city. The store was afterward sold, and young Holm remained with the new owner until May 23, 1895, when, in partnership with Charles Anderson, he bought the business of Charles Bennett, and together they launched out under the firm name of E. P. Holm & Co. In 1897, Mr. Olof J. Olson purchased Mr. Anderson's interest, and since that date the business has been conducted under the firm name of Holm & Olson.

Mr. Holm resides with his family at 431 Dayton avenue, St. Paul. February 22, 1896, he married Miss Anna Elizabeth Holm, who was born, in 1877, at Bralanda, Dalsland; and their family comprises four children: Florence Elizabeth, born August 3, 1897; Herbert Leroy, born October 6, 1899; Marion Evangeline, June 2, 1906, and Helen Marguerite, July 14, 1908. The family are members of the English Lutheran Gloria Dei church, of which Mr. Holm is the treasurer.

Fraternally, Mr. Holm is identified with St. Paul Lodge of Elks, Modern Woodmen of America, Maccabees, and Sons of Hermann. Also he is a member of the East Side Commercial Club and the Norden Club.

Nils Magnus Borgstrom.—One of the oldest Swedish settlers in the city of St. Paul is Nils Magnus Borgstrom, who was born in Fulltofta parish, Skåne, Sweden, September 24, 1837, son of Peter and Anna Borgstrom. Peter Borgstrom was established in business as a contractor, and erected mills, churches, residences, etc. He and his wife were parents of four sons and two daughters, and those surviving are: Peter, who lives in Meeker county; Martin, of Kandiyohi county; and Johannes and Bengta, who live in Horby, Skåne.

The earliest education of Nils M. Borgstrom was acquired by private instruction from an old lady, and later he attended the public schools. When old enough he was apprenticed to the trade of cabinet-maker in the city of Lund, where he became a skilled mechanic. After completing his apprenticeship he worked at his trade in Malmo and Gothenburg, sailing from the latter city in the Swedish vessel "Albers" to Quebec, Canada, where he arrived June 18, 1864. Mr. Borgstrom remained in the city of

Quebec about nine weeks, working in a furniture factory, and later removed to Montreal, where he was employed in a similar position some six weeks. At this time he removed to the United States, crossing Niagara Falls by rail, and going thence by way of the Great Lakes to Chicago. He worked in a furniture factory in Chicago about ten months, and then left that city for LaCrosse, Wisconsin, by rail, proceeding thence by steamer up the river to St. Paul, arriving at his destination July 10, 1865.

Upon his arrival in St. Paul Mr. Borgstrom soon found employment at his trade, and worked at the manufacture of all kinds of cabinet work, such as store, office and bank fixtures, sash and door work, etc. At one time he secured a contract for refitting the old capitol at St. Paul, which job occupied three years. Except for this particular contract, however, Mr. Borgstrom has worked for others, and won a reputation for careful and conscientious execution of the smallest detail of the work entrusted to him. He possesses good business judgment, and by carefully saving and investing his earnings provided for his last days so that he could enjoy his well earned leisure. In 1892 he visited his native land and retired from active life. He has also spent two winters in California. He has shown great foresight in his investments in real estate, and has profited well by his deals. He now owns six houses and resides at 234 West Sixth St.

In 1866 Mr. Borgstrom married Eva Sophia Ljungberg, of Vackelsang parish, Småland; they had no children. Mrs. Borgstrom died November 14, 1907. Mr. Borgstrom has always taken a deep interest in religious matters, and gives his support to many good causes. He is actively interested in public affairs, and politically is a Republican. He is well known and highly respected.

Carl J. Nordgren, merchant tailor located at 153 East Fifth street, St. Paul, was born April 25, 1855, in Sweden, and is the son of C. W. and Christina Nordgren. He received his education in the public schools of Sweden, and then became an apprentice in the tailoring trade, following his trade in his native country until 1893, at which time he came to the United States. His first permanent location was Chicago, where for fourteen years he was employed by some of the largest tailoring establishments, in the capacity of cutter and fitter; some of the men connected with these places had the reputation of being among the finest tailors in the world, so it was a great advantage to be connected with them. Among his employers were Edward Ely, John Almquist and F. A. Rose, the last-named being known throughout the west as an expert in his line. Later Mr. Nordgren was selected for the position of instructor in the Chicago Cutting School, an institution devoted to the cutting and fitting of both men's and ladies' garments, and this position could be filled only by one a thorough master of the trade.

Mr. Nordgren was first employed in St. Paul in the capacity of cutter for Taylor Lee, a merchant tailor, located in the Grand Opera Annex;

he remained here three years and then took a similar position with Friedman Brothers, with whom he remained eight months, and in 1908 formed a partnership with his two sons in the line of merchant tailoring, at his present location, since which time they have met a very fair degree of success. His reputation as an expert in his line assured him a good patronage from the first, and the firm are conducting a lucrative business, with an outlook for future growth; he stands unquestionably at the head of his profession in the city, and has a well-deserved reputation for integrity and probity.

From his youth Mr. Nordgren has been a strong advocate of temperance, and for many years has been an active member of the Good Templars; he served as Chief Templar of his lodge in Chicago, as Secretary of the Fourteenth District of Illinois, and filled many important offices, including Deputy Grand Chief Templar. He has taken all the degrees belonging to the order save one. He is a devout member of the Swedish Baptist church, and has served some time on the official board of the church.

Mr. Nordgren married, November 26, 1877, Clara S. Carlson, who was born and educated in Sweden, and they became the parents of ten children, namely: Carl, who died in Chicago, at the age of eighteen years; three who died in infancy, in Sweden; Debora, died in Chicago, at the age of four; Eva E.; Esther; Daniel J.; Joe F.; and Florence. The last-named is now a student in the public school.

Daniel J. Nordgren was born in Sweden, where he began his education, which was completed in the public schools of Chicago. He became an errand boy for the firm of Williams & Skinner of Holyoke, Massachusetts, and was promoted from time to time until he became travelling salesman for the firm, and remained with them eight years. He was next employed as salesman for Taylor Lee, of St. Paul, with whom he remained two years, and later spent five months in the employ of Friedman Brothers, of St. Paul. In 1908 he entered into partnership with his father, and being an expert salesman, spends most of his time in that capacity in the interests of the firm.

Joe F. Nordgren was born in Sweden, and like his brother acquired his education in the public schools of Sweden and Chicago; he subsequently became employed as shipping clerk with the firm of Williams & Skinner Company, of Holyoke, Massachusetts. He is now a member of the firm with his father and brother, at St. Paul. He married, in October, 1906, Ruth Marlin, of St. Paul, and they have one child, Cortland.

Carl J. Nordgren is an earnest member of the Swedish Tabernacle Church, and has always been active in church work; he served three years as secretary of the organization, and served some time as trustee of the church. He was one of the organizers of the Sick Benefit Society connected with the church, which has been the means of doing a great deal of good.

August Wallentin.—Especially worthy of note in a work of this magnitude is August Wallentin, a well-known contractor and builder, now living in retirement at St. Paul, his home being at No. 940 Ashland avenue. A man of excellent principles and character, and possessing great business ability, he won well deserved success in his undertakings by his thorough mastery of his calling, fidelity to his trusts, and by his honest dealings at all times, the respect so generously accorded him by his fellow-men giving evidence of his upright and manly life. He was born, February 13, 1859, in Gammalkil, Östergötland, Sweden, where he spent his early life. He is a son of Nils P. and the late Elizabeth (Anderson) Bjork, who reared two children, namely: August, the subject of this sketch; and Albert, with whom his aged father lives, is engaged in the drayage business in Linkoping, Sweden.

August Wallentin was educated in the public schools of his native town, and confirmed in the Lutheran church. At the age of seventeen years he began working at the carpenter's trade under a Mr. Bergstrom, in Nykil, remaining with him a year. Going then to Norsholm, he helped build a hotel, after which he continued at his trade in Linkoping for a time. Subsequently locating in Duseborg, Mr. Wallentin was there employed in a flour mill from December, 1877, until March, 1878, and from that time until the summer of 1880 remained at home with his father. Then, after a year's service in the Swedish Army, went to Mjolby, where he was foreman in a flour mill until called to serve his second year in the army. Leaving the army, Mr. Wallentin located in Stockholm, where he was employed in carpentering until the fall of 1882, when he accepted a position as millwright in Wellinge. Returning to Stockholm in the spring of 1883, he followed his trade there six months, when, in October, 1883, in company with Frederick Anderson, he opened a wholesale commission business, continuing it until the fall of 1884, when the partnership was dissolved. Mr. Wallentin, however, continued the commission business in connection with the management of a grocery on Mastersamuels gatan until the spring of 1885, when he sold out, and ventured in the contracting and building business. Becoming associated with A. E. Magnusson, he bought lots on Roslagstulls gatan, and erected apartment buildings thereon. Just as he was well started, came the startling crash and failure of Handtuerksbanken, whose president, Mr. Astrom, absconded, causing a suspension, almost of business, and a discontinuance of building operations. Mr. Magnusson was one of the foremost builders in Stockholm, among his contracts of prominence in that city having been the building of Riksdagshuset and Riksbanken, the Royal Opera House, and the Academy for Free Arts. While living in Stockholm, Mr. Wallentin further advanced his early education by attending a business college, and taking an evening course at the Technical College.

After the failure of the bank, alluded to above, Mr. Wallentin emigrated to America, arriving in Minneapolis, Minnesota, in 1886. Learning the bricklayer's trade, he followed it in that city and St. Paul until the

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autumn of 1887, when he began contracting on his own account as a brick layer and stone mason. Taking up his residence in St. Paul in 1888, he did general contract work for many years, putting up apartment buildings, and filling large contracts throughout the northwest, building up a large and remunerative business. Having achieved success in his labors, he began to build apartment and business buildings, of which he sold some and others he retained for renting, and today he has a number of first class buildings. He is now living retired from active pursuits.

Mr. Wallentin married, in 1888, Ingrid Swenson, who was born in Nassjo, Småland, Sweden, and into their household three children have made their advent, namely: George, born in 1889; Hilda, born in 1893; and Dorothea, born in 1895. Religiously Mr. Wallentin belongs to no particular church as a member, but attends for the most part the Mission Friends' church, and socially is a member of the St. Paul Commercial Club.

John Gustaf Olson.—Active and industrious, and eminently trustworthy and reliable, John Gustaf Olson is carrying on a substantial business in St. Paul as a carpenter and contractor, evidence of his skilful handiwork being seen not only in the residential and business parts of the city, but in the public parks. A son of Olof and Charlotte (Larson) Johnson, he was born, March 23, 1859, in Grums, Vermland, Sweden, where he completed his early education in the common schools, and was confirmed in the Lutheran church.

After attaining his majority, Mr. Olson served the obligatory two years in the Swedish Army, and soon after returning to his home sailed for the United States, arriving here in 1882. Making his way directly to St. Paul, Ramsey county, he has since been a resident of this city. Learning the carpenter's trade after coming here, he has since followed it with success, and as a contractor and builder has now a well-established and remunerative business, being one of the leading men in his line of industry.

Mr. Olson married, in 1883, Anna Olson, also a native of Grums, Sweden, and resides with his family at No. 887 Marshall avenue. Mr. and Mrs. Olson have four children, namely: Mabel Josephine, Lawrence G., Roy Conrad Milton, and Dell Dorothy. The family are valued members of the Gustavus Adolphus Lutheran church.

Olof Swenson, contractor and builder, 945 Clark street, St. Paul, Minnesota, has been identified with this city since he landed in the United States over twenty-five years ago, and has worked his way to the front ranks of the men in his line of business.

Mr. Swenson was born March 30, 1854, at Färlöf Per Christianstad, Sweden, son of Swen and Anna (Jönsson) Bengtson, and one of a family of ten children, three of whom died in infancy, those who reached adult

age being: Bante, who married Swan Nelson; Per; Prenda, deceased; Eric; Olof; Hannah, deceased, and Swen.

Olof Swenson attended the public school in his youth, and assisted his father in the farm work, his father being both a farmer and a dealer in flour; and, later, learned the carpenter's trade and took a course of study in drawing at a night school. Subsequently, he became foreman for a contractor and builder in the city of Malmö, Sweden, in which capacity he served three years, until 1883, when he came to this country, and settled at St. Paul. Here he worked at his trade for thirteen years. Then he engaged in business as a contractor and builder, which he has since continued, at times employing a large force of men, and having established a reputation for thoroughness and reliability. He is an investor in a sugar plantation in Mexico, and is a member of the St. Paul Building Exchange. Also he is a director of the Mound Park Sanatorium.

In 1883, Mr. Swenson married Miss Ellen Nelson, a native of Sweden, who came to the United States the year previous to their marriage. They had four children: Freda E., born in 1884, is a graduate of the Cleveland High School of St. Paul and also of the University of Minnesota; Eva E., born in 1885, is a graduate of Cleveland High School of St. Paul and of the College of Agriculture of this city, and at this writing is studying vocal music and the languages; Lillie E., born in 1891, is a graduate of the Cleveland High School, and William R., twin to Lillie E., died in 1896. Mr. Swenson has for years been a member of the Swedish Baptist church of St. Paul, and is one of its board of trustees.

Oscar William Holcomb, M. D., one of the progressive young physicians of St. Paul, Minnesota, is a descendant of one of the earliest Swedish settlers of the State. Magnus Holcomb, the doctor's grandfather, emigrated to this country and settled in Minnesota in 1854. He came from Vackelsang, Kronoberg's Län, Sweden, and his Swedish name was Magnus Halanson, which was changed to Holcomb soon after his arrival in America. He was the father of six children, one of whom was John Holcomb, the doctor's father. John Holcomb married Maja Stina Persdotter, and to them were given ten children, six of whom are living, namely: Frank A., a druggist of St. Paul; Solomon J., who lives on the old homestead in this state; Johanna Carolina (Carin), wife of Prof. A. Stomberg of the University of Minnesota; Josephina Cornelia, wife of Rev. Carl Kraft of Sveadahl, Minnesota; Oscar W., whose name introduces this sketch; and Joel Theodore, who received the degree of M. D. from the University of Minnesota in 1909. The family belonged to the Swedish Elim church of Scandia, Washington county, Minnesota.

Oscar W. Holcomb was born at Prairie Hollow, Minnesota, January 24, 1877, and attended public school at Marvin Mills, this state, and in due time was confirmed in the church. His first work was in a drug store at Lindstrom. Later he went to Minneapolis, where he pursued a course in pharmacy, and passed examination before the State Board of Exam-

mers, and received his diploma as a registered pharmacist. Then, returning to Lindstrom, he remained there until 1901, conducting a drug store in which he owned a half interest. During that time he was elected village recorder, and served in that capacity until he began the study of medicine. He was one of a little company that built an English Lutheran church in that town, in which organization he was honored with the office of deacon, and served acceptably.

In the fall of 1901, young Holcomb matriculated at the Medical College of the Northwestern University, Chicago, where he graduated as a physician and surgeon in 1905. By competitive examination, he gained entrance at the Mercy Hospital, as interne under Dr. J. B. Murphy, and remained at that institution a year and a half. In this position, Dr. Holcomb's practical experience as druggist was of value to him, and, young as he was, it was a part of his duty as interne to give lectures on materia medica to the nurses.

In 1907, Dr. Holcomb came to St. Paul, where he at once established himself in the practice of his profession, and where he is meeting with signal success. He is pathologist at the Swedish Bethesda Hospital. In the field of medical literature he is active and is gaining prominence, especially for his work in making abstracts from the Swedish medical literature for the St. Paul Medical Journal. He has also written a number of treatises on various diseases.

Fraternally, the doctor is identified with the Alpha Omega Alpha Honorary Medical Fraternity, a society to which members are elected only on account of high scholarship; and the Swedish United Sons of America. Of the latter, he was in June, 1908, elected head physician.

It is worthy of note in this brief personal mention of Dr. Holcomb, that at an early age he was thrown entirely upon his own resources, and that his education has been acquired by dint of his own energy and perseverance.

Frans August Holcomb, the popular druggist at 960 Payne avenue, St. Paul, Minnesota, is doing a prosperous business among his countrymen who reside on Arlington Hill, the Swedish stronghold of the city.

Mr. Holcomb was born April 29, 1865, in Chisago county, Minnesota, and belongs to one of the first Swedish families to settle in this state, some mention of whom will be found in the biographical sketch of Dr. O. W. Holcomb above. After attending the public schools in his native county, Mr. Holcomb entered Gustavus Adolphus College, St. Peter, Minnesota, where he finished the academic course in 1887. On leaving college, he went to work in a drug store at River Falls, Wisconsin, where he remained a year and a half, afterward working three years in a drug store at Barron, Wisconsin. Feeling the need, however, of further preparation for his work, he entered the Minnesota Institute of Pharmacy, and in due time completed the regular course in that institution, and in the

month of April, 1890, passed examination before the State Board of Examiners in Minnesota, Wisconsin, and South Dakota. After this he worked three years for Frederic Scott, a prominent druggist of Stillwater, Minnesota; a year and a half for P. Q. Boiden, a druggist of Hudson, Wisconsin, and a year and a half for John Bodine of St. Paul, Minnesota. His next move was to Lindstrom, Minnesota, where, during the Cleveland administration, he found business so dull that for a time he was unoccupied. Later, returning to Stillwater, he entered the employ of Alexander Richard, with whom he remained three years, until business prospects were brighter. September 1, 1889, he returned to St. Paul. At that time a drug store on Payne avenue—the oldest drug store in the city—was for sale, and in partnership with Edward C. Magnusson, he purchased it. Two years later he bought his partner's interest and he has since successfully conducted the establishment under his own name.

October 31, 1894, he married Miss Jennie C. Magnusson, a native of Stillwater, and a sister of his former partner. Mr. Holcomb is a member of the Norden Club, the East Side Commercial Club, the Modern Woodmen, the Masonic Order (including the thirty-second degree), the Knights of Pythias and the Maccabees. Both he and his wife belong to the First Swedish Lutheran church of St. Paul.

C. E. I. Hough, an enterprising and successful dealer in real estate, of 376 Robert street, St. Paul, Minnesota, was born March 12, 1858. He has been in business in St. Paul for twenty-five years, and is well known by the business men of the city. During this time he has executed a large amount of business, is well acquainted with all parts of the city, and is probably better able to appraise the value of real property in St. Paul and vicinity than any other dealer. Besides buying and selling property Mr. Hough also deals in mortgage loans. He is highly respected by all, and is accounted one of the public-spirited, representative citizens of St. Paul.

John M. Perlow, a well-known merchant of St. Paul, was born in Sweden, July 13, 1871, and is a son of Mons P. Perlow. Mons Perlow was a carpenter, and died in Sweden in 1886; he was the father of eight children, of whom four came to the United States. John M. Perlow acquired his education in the public schools of his native town, and in 1890 came to the United States, locating at St. Paul. He became employed in various capacities the first year, and then began work in a large shoe factory, where he worked eight years, and thoroughly learned the trade of making shoes, becoming an expert workman. He then spent two years in the baggage department of the Union Depot, of St. Paul. January 1, 1903, he established an independent business, on Payne avenue, dealing in hay, grain, feed, coal, wood, etc., and does a thriving business. He is thrifty and enterprising, and is a man of recognized integrity in his dealings. He is a member of the Swedish Brothers, of St. Paul.

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Chas. Skoglun

Mr. Perlow married, June 7, 1899, Ellen Rose, of St. Paul, who was born in Sweden; she came to the United States with her parents in infancy, and received her education in the public schools of St. Paul.

Charles Skooglun, contractor and builder, 1105 Jessie street, St. Paul, Minnesota, dates his birth in Vermland, Sweden, October 2, 1860. Mr. Skooglun's father, Olef A. Skooglun, was a carpenter by trade but was for many years engaged in farming. In 1868, the Skooglun family emigrated to the United States and took up their residence in St. Paul, where Charles received his education in the public schools. As soon as he was old enough he went to work on his father's farm in the vicinity of Rush Point, Minnesota, and was thus employed there for about eight years. He then learned the carpenter's trade. In 1889, he began contracting and building, which he has continued up to the present, having established a reputation for reliability and first-class work, and ranking to-day with the leading contractors and builders of Minnesota. He is now erecting the new Masonic Temple at St. Paul, which is 120 by 150 feet, three stories, and when completed will be one of the finest buildings in St. Paul. Mr. Skooglun furnishes employment to from forty to fifty men, and his field of work is not confined to St. Paul and vicinity, but extends into other states. He built the court house at Elsworth, Wisconsin; Jackson, Minnesota, and Hilisboro, North Dakota, and had some large railroad contracts in the West and Northwest.

Mr. Skooglun is a member of the F. & A. M., and the First Swedish Baptist church. In 1886, he married Miss Inga B. Oslund, of Rush Point, Minnesota, to which place she came from her native land, Sweden, and they have four children: Mabel, Edna, Mildred and Roy.

Gust Berg, a carpenter and builder of St. Paul, was born May 2, 1862, in Sweden, and received his education in his native country. He then learned the trade of carpenter and cabinet-maker in Norway. He emigrated to the United States in 1884, and first found employment at South Stillwater, where he entered the employ of St. Cloud Lumber Company, where he spent three years. He then removed to St. Paul, where he remained for some nine years in the employ of McClary & Company, located at Sixth and Cedar streets, after which he spent two years as foreman for the Twin City Separator Company. For the past seven years Mr. Berg has been employed by Mr. Anderberg, a contractor and builder of St. Paul. He is an expert mechanic and not only skilled as a carpenter, but understands the finer work of making cabinets and fine furniture. He takes an interest in the work he performs, and is a faithful and conscientious worker, who takes pleasure in turning out fine work. He is a public-spirited citizen, and actively interested in public affairs and improvements.

Mr. Berg married, October 19, 1890, Annie Swanson, who was born

and educated in Sweden; they are both devout members of the English Presbyterian church.

Prof. Justus Magnus Lundberg, one of the most prominent music teachers of the state on the piano, was born in Kalmar, Sweden, November 12, 1866, and is a son of J. F. Pontus Lundberg, a chemist and dealer in toilet articles, and his wife, Sophie (Wahlstrom) Lundberg, both of whom still reside in their native country. The father of J. F. Pontus Lundberg was a linguist and teacher of languages in Gothenberg. Justus M. Lundberg, was one of six children, four of whom are living, namely: Justus M., the oldest; Agnes, living with her parents; Berger, born July 7, 1872, manager and part owner of the Chicago offices of the Skandinavien-Amerikaline; and Anna, born in 1874, resides with her parents.

Professor Lundberg received his early education with private tutors, and later matriculated in the State Collegiate High School, where he reached the sixth standard. At the early age of seven he had shown his gift and predilection in the line of music, and during the time of his education took lessons in music from private tutors. December 12, 1887, he graduated as organist from the Royal Conservatory of Music in Stockholm, with the highest attainable testimonial for excellence on the piano; this admitted him to the class of artists of the conservatory, and he availed himself of the privilege, making an exclusive study of piano music for one year. Having fitted himself for a career as teacher, he then set sail for America, and in August, 1888, he arrived in St. Paul, which has since been his residence. He has remarkable talent in the line of organ music, and makes a specialty of teaching piano music, in which he has gained a wide reputation, his technique being of an unusually high standard.

Professor Lundberg married, February 5, 1898, Mathilda Goranson, who was born in Frinnaryd, Småland, Sweden, January 19, 1865, and removed to Stockholm when only a year old, with her parents, Goran and Anna Christina (Svenson) Johanson. Mr. Johanson was a merchant in Stockholm, and died in December, 1908, at the age of eighty-five years; his wife died in 1888, at the age of seventy-four. They are both buried in Stockholm. Mrs. Lundberg is as remarkable an artist in her line as her husband in his profession, and has gained the reputation of being one of the finest modistes in the Twin Cities, having patrons among the wealthiest and most distinguished families, not only of St. Anthony Hill, St. Paul, where she resides, but from all over the city, from Minneapolis, and other cities in the state. She came to the United States in 1891 and came to St. Paul, where a sister resided. Professor Lundberg and his wife reside at 163 Farrington avenue.

William Oscar Williams, a well-known hotel and restaurant keeper of St. Paul, was born in Indiana, and is the son of John A. and Clara Sophia Williams, both immigrants from Sweden. They were farm-

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E. M. Lundholm.

ers, and the father now lives on a farm in Travers county, Minnesota. The mother died when William was seventeen years of age, at which time he left his home and removed to Red Wing, Minnesota, where he resided for a time. He had received his education in the public schools of his native state, and was confirmed in the Lutheran church. From Red Wing Mr. Williams went to St. Paul, where he found employment in a restaurant, working in various capacities, as dish-washer, cook and waiter, and thus learned the details of the business in which he later became engaged. In 1893 he opened the Rockaway Restaurant on Seventh street, now located on Jackson street between Sixth and Seventh.

In 1904 Mr. Williams purchased what was known as the Delicatessen Restaurant on Robert street, and five years later rebuilt it, transforming it into a European hotel, having sixty rooms; the dining-room has been handsomely decorated with mural paintings, by the hand of a Swedish artist, and in connection with the hotel Mr. Williams conducts what is known as the Lenox Restaurant. He caters to high-class custom, and has a handsome, modern establishment. He is a member of the Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, and of the Mystic Shrine Degree, and also belongs to the Modern Woodmen of America, Knighted Order of Tented Maccabees, Samaritans, Knights of Pythias and Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. He resides at 751 Ashland avenue, and his family attends the English Episcopal church.

Mr. Williams married, in 1895, Julia Courtney, of Rochester, Minnesota, who died in 1906, leaving four children, as follows: Arthur William, born August 12, 1896; Ethel Gladys, April 28, 1898; Florence Georgie, April 3, 1900; and Clara Mabel, August 12, 1901.

Erik Mauritz Lundholm, M. D., is a leading physician and surgeon of St. Paul who was born in Venjan Delarne, Sweden, June 20, 1858, and completed his collegiate education at Falun in 1881. In the same year he commenced his medical studies at the University of Upsala. Under the Swedish law, the medical student was obliged to pursue a course at either the universities of Upsala or Lund, attend the Medical Institute at Stockholm and take about two years of clinical work at one of the university hospitals at Upsala or Lund, and at the hospitals in Stockholm. In accord with these provisions, Dr. Lundholm completed his professional studies at Upsala University in 1886; spent the years from 1886 to 1890 in his medical studies and clinical work at Stockholm, and in the latter year passed his final examinations at the Carolinean Medical Institute. In 1890 he also obtained his license to practice in Sweden. For three summers during his studies he served as assistant physician at the Springs of Sätra, Vestmanland, and in Djursätra, Vestergötland.

In 1888, however, Dr. Lundholm had already visited the United States and passed his examination in St. Paul before the Minnesota State Medical Board, but returned, a few months later, to complete his studies

in Sweden. Since 1891 he has practiced in St. Paul, having been officially connected with the Bethesda Hospital as one of its surgeons. The doctor's professional society connections are with the Svenska Läkare Sälskopet of Sweden, American Medical Association, Minnesota State Medical Association, Ramsey County Medical Society and Minnesota Academy of Medicine. In 1890 he married Miss Anna Olson, of Gestrikland, Sweden, and the five children born to them have been Arthur, Astrid, Edward, Ruth and Dagmar—Astrid having died several years ago.

Nels C. Nelson.—St. Paul is particularly fortunate in having been populated by an eminently worthy and enterprising class of citizens, who, by their industry, thrift and progressive spirit have materially advanced its highest interests. Noteworthy among this number is Nels C. Nelson, a well-known groceryman, located at No. 881 Rice street, where, as head of the firm of Nelson & Company, he is carrying on a substantial business. The son of Nels Nelson, a blacksmith, he was born, September 4, 1860, in Sweden, and was there bred and educated, attending the public schools as a boy and a youth.

In 1882, soon after becoming of age, Nels C. Nelson bade adieu to his native land and came to the United States in search of satisfactory employment. For about five years he worked at such occupations as promised him sufficient remuneration, residing in the meantime in St. Paul. The following eight years he clerked in a grocery store in this city, while thus employed becoming familiar with the business in its every detail. When sufficiently confident of his ability to manage an establishment of his own, Mr. Nelson, in 1895, in partnership with Andrew Borgstrom, opened his present place of business, and as senior member of the firm of Nelson & Company has since built up an extended and profitable trade, the firm being one of the most successful and prominent grocery firms on Rice street. The storeroom is large and commodious, being twenty-five feet by seventy feet, and is well stocked with a choice line of staple and fancy groceries, the aim of this enterprising firm being to supply the wants of its numerous patrons with up-to-date goods of the finest quality.

Mr. Nelson married, in 1897, Tillie Midtsund, who was born and educated in Norway, coming from honored Norwegian ancestry. Four children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Nelson, three of whom died in infancy, and one, Harold P., born November 7, 1897, is now attending the city schools. Mrs. Nelson died in November, 1908, while yet a young woman, her death causing a sad vacancy in the home circle. Mr. Nelson belongs to the Swedish Lutheran church and is a member of the Northern Commercial Club, which is a Scandinavian organization.

Theodore Nelson.—Natives of Sweden have supplied many admirable citizens and efficient business men to the New World and among

those worthy of mention is Theodore Nelson, of the firm of Nelson & Carlson, who are engaged in the general painting and decorating business at St. Paul. He is an artisan of acknowledged merit, doing extensive contracting in his particular field of labor, and the amount of work he accomplishes gives him a prominent place in the industrial circles of the city. But a youth when he left his native land for the broader opportunities of the United States and without means or influence, he applied himself diligently, gradually winning prestige from the time he became a journeyman at the painter's craft until the present, when he is second to none in his chosen vocation. The excellent record he has made in establishing a lucrative and popular enterprise speaks in strong terms of his innate business ability and of the high class workmanship which has made it possible for him to attain his present standing in the business life of St. Paul.

Mr. Nelson was born in Vermland, Sweden, January 14, 1863, a son of Nels Anderson. His father followed agricultural pursuits in the old country and reared a family of seven children, three of whom died in infancy. The surviving ones are: Theodore; Anna, the wife of Andrew Nelson; Anton and Nelson.

Theodore Nelson was reared on his father's farm and while there performing the daily routine of the husbandman was given advantage of an education in the public schools. Under the parental roof he remained until he was twenty years of age, when he embarked for the United States, taking up his abode in Minneapolis. There he sojourned for five years, meanwhile serving an apprenticeship at the painter's trade. At the expiration of that period he came to St. Paul, where he plied his craft as a journeyman. For eight years he was thus employed, all the while making it a point to attain the highest proficiency, thereby making his service of utmost value as an expert workmen. Ambitious to become independent in the business world and confident that his comprehensive knowledge of the trade and skill as an artisan justified him in making the venture, in 1897 he formed a partnership with Gust Lundblom, and under the firm style of Nelson & Lundblom undertook contract work. Thus associated he continued in the conduct of a successful business for two years, when the partnership was dissolved. During the succeeding year he executed contracts alone and then formed his present partnership with John Carlson, the firm being known as Nelson & Carlson. They do all description of painting, thoroughness and good taste having developed their business to large proportions. Their contracts, far from being limited to St. Paul, extend throughout many of the western and northwestern states. Mr. Nelson is an expert in his line, particularly as a decorator, and evidences of his dexterous hand may be seen on many of the fine buildings of the city. The ceiling of his own elegant residence on Jessamine street presents a striking exemplification of his artistic skill. He executed the contract for the painting and decorating on the court house at Jackson, Minnesota, and

also on that at Ellsworth, Wisconsin. At present he has the contract for painting and decorating the new Masonic Temple now under construction in St. Paul.

On the 8th of August, 1888, Mr. Nelson was united in marriage to Miss Emelia Anderson, daughter of P. A. Anderson, of Minneapolis, Minnesota. She was born in Vermland, Sweden, and, when a child, came to the United States with her parents, acquiring her education in the public schools of Minneapolis. To Mr. and Mrs. Nelson have been born three children: Maud Florence Nelson, born May 10, 1889, attended the public and high schools and is a student at Nichols Business College, of this city; Edith S., born February, 1891, completed a course of study in the public school, graduated from the high school, and is a student at McColesters Business College, of St. Paul; LeRoy F., born January 31, 1898, is a pupil at the St. Paul high school.

Mr. Nelson's fraternal affiliations are with the Masons, Modern Woodmen of America and the Samaritans. He belongs to the Swedish Lutheran church and is a member of the board of trustees of that organization. Public spirited and deeply interested in the welfare of the city, Mr. Nelson is always ready to endorse measures designed to promote the general good of the community. His aggressiveness and business enterprise, based upon sound and honorable methods, have raised him to a position of prominence in the financial life of the city, and he is numbered among those who have contributed to the city's reputation as a business center, fraught with opportunities for all who are willing to apply their energies.

John Lind, a well known and able contractor of St. Paul, and a substantial and respected citizen, is a native of Sweden, born in the city of Falköping, Skaraborgs län, on the 16th of April, 1863, and is a son of Nils and Greta Lind. His father was a well known farmer in the neighborhood of the city named, who died May 20, 1895, when sixty-two years of age, the mother having passed away in 1883 in her forty-fourth year. Both parents died in Minneapolis, where they had made their home with their son for several years. They also had two daughters. Hilda Josefina, born in Sweden in 1870, resides in St. Paul; is married to Robert Stein, who is in the employ of the People's Ice Company and is the mother of two daughters and two sons. Augusta Mathilda, the second daughter, born in Sweden in 1872, is the wife of Frank Hallstrom, who is also an employee of the People's Ice Company.

Mr. Lind remained at home until 1883, securing his education in the public schools and assisting on the farm. That year also he decided to try his fortune in the United States and emigrated to the state which his people have so favored. He first stopped at Stillwater, Minnesota, but in the latter portion of 1883, with the exhaustion of his finances, he moved to St. Paul, secured employment and, after some two years, established himself in that city as a contractor. From the first he has

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made a specialty of sewerage construction and excavation work, and now employs as high as one hundred men, being the leading contractor in these lines in St. Paul.

Mr. Lind has fairly earned his high position as a business man and a fair employer of labor, and has the respect and good will of all classes. He is an active member of the Modern Woodmen of America and a leader in the work of the First Swedish Lutheran church. In 1885 he married Miss Ida Maria Johnson, a native of Sweden, born in 1859, and daughter of Johannes Johansson and wife, both of whom died while living with Mrs. Lind a few years ago. The Lind residence and grounds constitute a fine piece of property at 277 Rondo street, St. Paul.

Joseph Alfred Arner Burnquist.—A rising young attorney of St. Paul, Joseph A. A. Burnquist is fast winning for himself a prominent and honorable name in the legal profession of Ramsey county, and can be relied upon to make his mark in the world, a man of his mental caliber and scholarly attainments being especially fitted for a leader in professional, business or social circles. A son of John A. Burnquist, he was born, July 22, 1879, in Dayton, Iowa, of excellent Swedish ancestry.

Born and bred in Skaraborgs laen, Sweden, John A. Burnquist emigrated to this county in 1864, and after spending two years in Andover, Illinois, went, in 1866, to Dayton, Iowa, where he established a successful business as a hardware merchant. On September 25, 1876, he married Anna Louisa Johnson, who was born in Adelof, Jönköping laen, Sweden, and came to this country in 1873. Three children were born to them, namely: Selma, Joseph Alfred Arner and Mabel M.

After his graduation from the Dayton High School, in Iowa, Joseph A. A. Burnquist entered Carleton Academy, from which he received his diploma in 1898. Continuing his studies in Carleton College, he was graduated from there in 1902, and two years later, in 1904, was graduated from Columbia University with the degree of A. M. The following year he spent in the Law Department of the University of Minnesota, from which he was graduated in 1905 with the degree of LL. B. Gifted as a speaker, Mr. Burnquist won the first place in the Minnesota State Oratorical contest held in St. Paul in 1901, and in 1903 had the distinction of winning the honors for Columbia University in a debate held in New York City by that university with Cornell University. He has likewise participated in other debates, especially in college contests, winning an enviable reputation as an orator.

On January 1, 1906, Mr. Burnquist married Mary Louise Cross, of Anoka, Minnesota, and they have one child, John McLean Burnquist. Although bending his energies to making a success of his profession, Mr. Burnquist takes great interest in public affairs, and in 1908 represented his district in the State Legislature. Socially he is a member of the Ramsey County Bar Association, and of the East Side Commercial Club. Religiously he and his family attend the Congregational Church.

John D. Anderson, of the firm of Anderson Bros., proprietors of a meat market, 985 and 987 Payne avenue, St. Paul, Minnesota, is one of the progressive young business men of this city. He was born in Sweden, August 6, 1871, son of Gustavus and Eva Anderson, his father a farmer and contractor.

Coming to this country from his native land in 1889, John D. joined his brother at St. Paul and went to work in his meat market. Here he learned every detail of the business and laid the foundation for a prosperous career. Subsequently, with his brother, Frank O. Anderson, he engaged in business under the firm style of Anderson Bros., at their present location, 987 Payne avenue, and by fair and square dealing they have built up and maintained a prosperous business, both as butchers and meat dealers. Their establishment is the largest of its kind in St. Paul, owned and conducted by Scandinavians. John D. is also interested extensively in real estate, buying and selling, and at this writing owns a fine farm, on which he has valuable stock, including two fine race horses. He takes great pleasure in outdoor sports, especially driving, and is a member of the St. Paul Driving Club. Also he is a member of the Modern Woodmen of America, the East Side Commercial Club, the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, the Swedish United Sons of America, the Modern Samaritans, and the Butchers' Association.

Olof Holm, general contractor, St. Paul, was born in Leksand, Dalarne, Sweden, February 1, 1864, son of Per Olof and wife, Karin Person. Per Olof was for many years a contractor and builder in Sweden, and remained there until after the death of his wife in 1904, when he came to this country and has since made his home with his son in St. Paul, now being seventy-seven years of age. In his family were five children, of whom three are living, namely: Anders Person, a farmer in Herjedalen, Sweden; Brita, wife of Johan Gustaf Lundquist, formerly superintendent for a lumber company, now a farmer in Jemtland; and Olof, whose name heads this sketch.

Olof Holm received his early training in the public school, in due time was confirmed in the Lutheran church, and for several years remained on the homestead, after which he went to Christianstad to learn the cabinet-maker's trade, and became a cabinet journeyman. He then returned north and had a cabinet-maker's shop in Hudiksvall for two years. All this was before he reached his majority. At the age of twenty-one, according to the custom, he entered the Swedish army and served the stipulated two years. After his return from the army he worked as a carpenter contractor for a few years, until 1888, when he came to America, landing in New York and coming directly west to St. Paul, which has since been his home. Here he at once found work as a carpenter and was a wage earner until 1896, when he became a general contractor, in which line he has, with the exception of a couple of short intervals, been engaged ever since. During the Klondyke gold excite-

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ment in 1898, Mr. Holm went to the scene of action and prospected for the yellow metal, spending a year in Alaska, and during that time he grew rich in experience if he did not gather in a great amount of gold. On his return to St. Paul, to use his own expression, he "hoofed" some seven hundred and fifty miles, under climatic and other conditions that were not the most favorable. In the spring of 1907 he went up to Winnipeg, where he was in the contracting business for about one year, returning to his family in St. Paul in the fall of 1908 and resuming business in this city, with office at the corner of Smith and Chestnut streets. He resides at 1043 Goodrich avenue, and in addition to his St. Paul real estate he has property in Little Falls, Morrison county, Minnesota.

In 1887, the year before he came to America, Mr. Holm married Miss Anna Josephine Westerbery, who was born in Vestergötland, May 24, 1862, and who grew up and was educated in Stockholm. Her father was a musician of high attainment and was the musical director and band master with the Royal Life Horse Guards. He was killed by being thrown from his horse while on duty, when Mrs. Holm was three years old. Her mother remarried and is still living in Stockholm. Mr. and Mrs. Holm have two daughters: Ruth Ecelia, born September 11, 1893, and Mabel Charlotte, in July, 1896. They attend the Presbyterian church. Fraternally Mr. Holm is identified with the Free and Accepted Masons, the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, the Modern Woodmen of America, the Swedish Brothers and the Norden Club.

August S. Swanson was born in Vanås, near Christianstad, Sweden, August 3, 1858, and is a son of Pete and Helena Swanson; the father died in Sweden, and his widow, now eighty years of age, resides in Minneapolis. They had six children, namely: August S., the oldest; Herman N., a fruit farmer at Lake Minnetonka; Carl Oscar, a florist in Minneapolis; Svante Leonard, lives in Omaha, Nebraska; Augusta, lives with her mother in Minneapolis; and Shunne Raimey, a florist, lives in Minneapolis.

After receiving his education in the public school of his native parish and being confirmed in the Lutheran church, Mr. Swanson spent considerable time in Gothenberg, the last five years of his residence in Sweden being with the Gothenberg Garden Society. This society is a semi-public one, admitting twelve pupils each year for a course of two years. During the last two years of his stay he had charge of the greenhouses, and his evenings were mostly spent in the Chalmer School of Technology, where he studied drawing and other branches. He gained a thorough knowledge of the business conducted by the institution by which he was employed, being fully acquainted with all the details. In 1881 he removed to the United States, and spent one year in Chicago, in the employ of August Dressel, after which he spent a year in Des Moines, Iowa, in the employ of a resident of the city. A year later he removed to Min-

neapolis, where he entered the employ of Mr. Kilvington, the leading florist, remaining a year. He took up his residence in St. Paul in 1884, being put in charge of the greenhouse department of the State Training School. Mr. Swanson began business on his own account in 1888, purchasing the store of E. V. Beal, in St. Paul, and soon afterward built a greenhouse, in 1890 establishing the first one in Merriam Park. He has since made several additions, to meet the demands of his growing business, and now has about twenty greenhouses, covering some seventy-five thousand square feet, all devoted to cut flowers. By careful culture he has produced a new rose, of rare beauty and perfection, and has named it the "Minnehaha." He conducts a salesroom at the Endicott Arcade, where his sales are enormous, his annual business being constantly increasing. Mr. Swanson received only a limited education in boyhood, but his constant observation, reading and study, as well as personal experience, in later years, have made him a man of considerable information and culture. He conducts his business in an able manner, and has a large circle of friends. He is a member of the Royal Arcanum. Mr. Swanson is a life member of the American Florists' Association, of which he has served as vice president, and he was the organizer of the Minnesota branch of the society. He is also a life member of the Society of Minnesota Horticulturists.

October 20, 1888, Mr. Swanson married Selma G. Peterson, of Hector, Minnesota, a native of Skåne, Sweden, and they have one son, Carl August, born March 13, 1896, who is attending school.

Rev. J. V. Alfvegren.—One of the efficient workers in the cause of Christianity in Minnesota and the Northwest is the Rev. J. F. Alfvegren, for many years a ministerial laborer in Minnesota and now the general missionary for the Swedish work in the Northwest. Johan Victor Alfvegren was born at Nasungs, Dalhem, Gotland, Sweden, June 16, 1867, a son of Nils and Brita Maria Lauretta (Christenson) Alfvegren. The father died at Nasungs, Sweden, on the 30th of April, 1908, when he had attained the age of seventy-two years, seven months and fourteen days, and his widow, a lady of seventy years, still survives him and is living with her son Victor. The son supplemented his public school training at Dalhem by college work at Wisby, but in June of 1885 he left that educational institution to enter college at Lund (Cathedral-School), where he graduated in December, 1885. And then after spending one term at the University of Lund he entered the University of Upsala in the fall of 1886 to pursue medical studies.

In the spring of 1889 the young student left his native land for America, and arriving on the 21st of May he spent two years in New York and a similar period in Illinois and then came to Minnesota in the fall of 1893. It had been his intention to complete his medical training, but after coming to Minnesota he entered the Seabury Divinity School at Faribault and graduated from the institution with the degree of B. D. in

May of 1896. In 1895 he had been ordained a deacon, and in June of 1896, by Bishop H. B. Whipple, he was ordained to the priesthood and spent the following six months in missionary work in North Dakota. At the close of that period and at the call of Bishop Gilbert the Rev. Alfvegren came in November of 1896 to St. Paul to take charge of the Swedish work here, and he also organized St. Sigfrid's church in St. Paul and continued as its rector until in 1903, when he was appointed by the General Board of Missions of New York as the general missionary for the Swedish work in the Northwest. He has been the incumbent of this position to the present time and has proved an efficient and effective worker in the missionary field. During this time he has organized and built five new churches. He is thoroughly sincere in all his thoughts, words and deeds, earnest in the presentation of the truth, and his efforts have been abundantly blessed.

On the 19th of October, 1906, the Rev. Alfvegren was united in marriage with Miss Signe Augusta Almgren, the ceremony being solemnized in St. Bartholomew's Swedish chapel, New York City, by the Rev. G. Hammarskold. Mrs. Alfvegren was born at Hydinge Sya, Östergötland, March 26, 1886, and she is a daughter of Otto Bernhard and Augusta Wilhelmina (Ekholm) Almgren.

J. August Nilsson, for nearly thirty years identified with the business and official life of St. Paul and the state, possesses a career and character that presents many remarkable features. Not the least admirable of these characteristics is his patriotism. He is a Swede of the Swedes when he can do anything to help his countrymen or promote things that he considers an honor to his mother country. On the other hand, his Americanism is such as to justify, in his case, the quoting of that old and rather worn aphorism about the Swedes that "they love Sweden as their mother, but America as their bride."

His personal character is also noteworthy because of its emphatic affections and judgments. Friendship with him is inviolable, and neither in gossip or action will he betray the trust once bestowed. These aggregate qualities of personality and character are mentioned first, as they are doubtless the most valuable of the sum of life's treasures. His material record is, however, none the less interesting and important.

Johan August (he is thus known among his friends, seldom by his last name) Nilsson is by birth a genuine Smålander, having been born at Wexiö, Sweden, January 27, 1858. His parents were Johannes and Charlotta (Petterson) Nilsson. The father was a contractor and builder of more than local note, the churches which he built being many and situated in various towns and country sides. He also built many public and private houses. He lived and died in Sweden, but his wife spent her last years in this country.

Of the eight children in the family, three sons and one daughter are living, the latter keeping house for her brother, Johan. His brother,

Gustaf, is a cigar manufacturer in Minneapolis and married Emma Eckman, whose family is mentioned in this work. They reside in Merriam Park and have several children. The other brother, Frans Oscar, is in the portrait business at Minneapolis.

After receiving a primary education in the schools of his native city, and after confirmation, Johan August Nilsson became assistant bookkeeper in the match factory of the city, and in 1878 engaged in the furniture business in Stockholm, the capital city. In 1881 he yielded to the "American fever," and landed at New York City on May 27, and on June 2 arrived in St. Paul, where he met his brother, Gustaf, who had preceded him to this country. During the first year he was in the employ of the J. F. Pennel men's furnishing house, but then joined his brother, Gustaf, in the manufacture of cigars, their firm style being Nilsson Brothers. Their special brands "Vega" and "Christina Nilsson" were popular among smokers during the three years this partnership lasted. Disposing of his interest to his brother in 1885, August was until 1890 engaged in the real estate and land business.

He had been a resident of America and St. Paul only nine years, but in this time had won the confidence of his fellow citizens so that he was elected as representative of the Third ward of St. Paul in the state legislature. The Third is the heaviest tax-paying ward in the city. He was the youngest representative of foreign birth ever elected up to that date, and was re-elected for a second term. In the legislature he was instrumental in securing the new capitol for St. Paul, efforts being made at the time to get the capital located in Kandiyohi county, which was considered the center of the state as to population and geography. He also gave his support to the eight-hour law, but that was a later act of legislation. In 1894 he was elected custodian of the court house in St. Paul, for a term of two years. In 1896 he was the unsuccessful candidate for the office of county treasurer. In June, 1897, he engaged in the cigar manufacturing business for himself at Wacouta and Seventh streets, and in 1900 removed to his present location at 209 East Seventh.

On the death of his sister, Anna, Mr. Nilsson took to his home the youngest son, Gustaf Adolf Berling, and is giving him an education and fitting him for a useful career.

Mr. Nilsson was once an active member of the Swedish Singing Society Vega. He is now an honorary member. In earlier years he possessed a fine voice, and did much to improve the musical status of his city. He is a member of the Swedish Brothers and of the Norden Club. His hobby is the raising of Angora goats. For this purpose he has a large farm in Northern Minnesota, and that is at present the principal industry of the farmstead.

Carl J. Rudeen.—Patience, perseverance and well directed energy, put into execution in any of the multifarious callings of life, will invariably win the race for him who is strong-hearted enough to persist in

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their application. Mr. Rudeen possesses these qualities and his diligent pursuance of a definite purpose has enabled him to ascend in the business circles of St. Paul until he is at present a partner in a large drug enterprise, the company of which he is a constituent operating three drug stores, located in various portions of the city. As an errand boy in an establishment of the nature of the business in which he is now engaged in an executive capacity, he made his initial step in the commercial arena. He started business life as an errand boy in a drug store, and by learning to cheerfully obey and to faithfully carry out the orders and wishes of his employers fitted himself to conduct large interests of his own. Born in Jernsoken Dalsland, Sweden, April 13, 1878, Carl J. Rudeen is a son of Frederick and Eva Rudeen. His father followed farming in the old country, but gave up that occupation in 1887 and sailed for the United States. The son, however, then a lad of eight years of age, remained in his native land until 1891, meanwhile acquiring an education in the public schools. In that year he located at St. Paul. Being without means or influence it was imperative that he obtain employment in order to gain support, but he was not long in the city until he secured a situation in the drug store of John Bodin as an errand boy. Although a lad of but twelve years and placed amid unaccustomed surroundings, he was not to be thwarted in his efforts to succeed. At once he set himself to perform his daily tasks faithfully and carefully, and had not long been connected with the business before he became imbued with the ambition to thoroughly master it in detail and adopt it as his life work. To accomplish his purpose he worked diligently utilizing his powers to learn what he could of the business while about the store, while, at the same time he lived economically and saved his earnings with a view to pursuing a course of instruction in pharmacy. Presently he entered the Minnesota College of Pharmacy, at Minneapolis, and so progressed in his studies that before he was nineteen years old he had passed what is known as the assistants' examination. In his twenty-second year he was graduated as a pharmacist, and returned to the store of his former employer, John Bodin, at No. 329 East Seventh street, where he acted in the dual capacity of clerk and manager. With his enlarged experience, his services and efficiency as a pharmacist became recognized and in January, 1909, he was admitted to a partnership. The firm is incorporated, consisting of Victor C. Sunberg, Axel Sunberg, Mrs. Helen Bodin, H. Martin Johnson and Carl J. Rudeen. The company operates three establishments—one at No. 881 Payne avenue, another at No. 879 Rice street and a third at No. 329 East Seventh street. The last named is one of the oldest pharmacies at St. Paul, the business at that stand having been established over thirty years ago.

Mr. Rudeen is a progressive business man, active and alert and always on the outlook for opportunities whereby to further his interests and make the most of his time and talents. His comprehensive knowledge

of pharmacy assures him of accuracy in the preparation of compounds and his widely recognized reliability has won him the reputation of being one of the finest druggists in the city. Sociable and of a genial disposition, he has a large circle of friends who respect him for his manly qualities, his professional efficiency and for the high standard of ethics he observes in all his transactions. Interested in the moral status of the community, Mr. Rudeen is an active member of the Young Men's Christian Association and belongs to the Gustave Adolphus Lutheran church. He is also secretary of the Swedish Union Cemetery Company.

Hjalmar Alexis Andrée.—Sydney Smith once said, "Whatever you are from nature, keep to it; never desert your own line of talent. Be what nature intended you for, and you will succeed; be anything else and you will be ten thousand times worse than nothing." The gentleman whose name stands at the head of this sketch has shown by his career that he understands and fully appreciates the thought of this noted author; for he has measured his own ability, and hewn his way straight to the line thus marked out. He is prominently known in the business circles of the East and the Middle West, having been buyer and manager for the M. Phillipsborn & Company's Specialty Store, one of the foremost mercantile establishments of St. Paul, and he has an extended reputation as a man of superior judgment and rare business ability.

Mr. Andrée was born, November 20, 1863, in Uddevalla, Sweden, a son of Robert and Debora (Rahnberg) Andrée. His father, a skilful and successful photographer, died in Strömstad, Sweden, in 1908, but his widow is still living in that city. Of the seven children born of their union one daughter, Anna, died in infancy, and six are living, as follows: Hjalmar, the special subject of this brief biographical sketch; Albert, a watchmaker and jeweler in Frederikstad, Norway; Agnes, managing her father's former studio in Strömstad; Alma, a dressmaker in the same city; Gerda, in partnership with her sister Agnes as a photographer; and Sten, a clerk in a mercantile establishment in Strömstad, Sweden.

Receiving better educational advantages than the greater number of the Swedes that immigrate to this country, Mr. Andrée attended the Collegiate High School at Uddevalla for six years, from the Sixth Standard of which he was graduated in 1879. The ensuing three years he was employed in a store of general merchandise in Uddevalla, after which he accepted a position as clerk in the largest drygoods concern of that city, and continued with that firm five years. Wide-awake, intelligent and observing, Mr. Andrée made himself familiar with the business, from time to time being promoted until he was made chief clerk, a capacity in which he served the last three years.

In 1888, in company with his boyhood friend and chum, Oscar Mattson, the well-known sporting goods man of Minneapolis, who had

also been a clerk for five years in the same store in Uddevalla, Mr. Andrée emigrated to America, coming directly to Minneapolis, the objective point of so many of his countrymen. The very day following his arrival in this city Mr. Andrée had the good fortune to secure a position in the large department store of the S. E. Olson Company, with which he was connected thirteen consecutive years. Beginning in the humble capacity of stock boy, with a salary of three dollars a week, he gradually worked his way upward until he became buyer and manager of the ladies' cloak and suit department, in which he first started. Receiving then a flattering offer of a position in the Golden Rule Department Store in St. Paul, Mr. Andrée accepted it, and remained with that firm seven years, being buyer and manager of the ladies' cloak and suit department. On January 26, 1909, he accepted a still better position in the Specialty Store of M. Phillipsborn & Co., of which he was until recently the buyer and manager. In this capacity Mr. Andrée traveled extensively, for the past eighteen years having visited New York City six times each year, and during that period has purchased millions of dollars worth of goods. He is widely known in commercial affairs as a man of extraordinary ability, eminently trustworthy, and has a splendid reputation among his Swedish and American friends. He is in every way qualified for extensive operations and might long ago have opened a business of his own had he not preferred to let others assume the cares, responsibilities and troubles of those dealing extensively in merchandise of value. Lately, however, he changed his mind upon this proposition and opened a fine store of his own on Sixth street, St. Paul, which has been a success from the start and where the popularity of Mr. Andrée is drawing an ever increasing number of customers.

In September, 1893, Mr. Andrée married Sophia Johanson, who was born, in 1866, in Fjellbacka, the daughter of a sea captain. She was the first and only love of Mr. Andrée, and came to America at his solicitation in 1891. Mr. and Mrs. Andrée have two children, namely: Johan Albert, born July 13, 1894, was graduated from the public school in June, 1909, and in the fall of that year entered the St. Paul high school; and Robert Hjalmar, born April 26, 1896, is a pupil in the public school. Both boys attend the Sunday School connected with St. John's Episcopal church. He has an attractive home at No. 822 Marshall avenue, and there extends a generous hospitality to his large circle of friends and well-wishers.

Fraternally Mr. Andrée is a thirty-second degree Mason and a member of the Ancient Arabic Order of the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. He also belongs to the Norden Club, and is an enthusiastic member of the St. Paul Rod and Gun Club. His favorite recreation is fishing and hunting, and he is justly proud of being the owner of two of the finest thoroughbred hunting dogs in Minnesota.

Adolph Theodore Rosen, one of the substantial and representative business men of St. Paul, came to America with nothing to aid him in gaining his present enviable position among his fellows save his health and knowledge, with no friends to give him substantial aid or advice. He had the requisite ambition, energy and good sense to enable him to take advantage of the opportunities offered him in his adopted country, and make the most of his chances. Mr. Rosen was born in Stockholm, Sweden, November 10, 1856, being next to the youngest of seven children. Like many he obtained his education in the public schools of his native land, but lacked the facilities for obtaining a university education. At the age of fourteen years he left home to try his fortune, and enlisted as a sailor boy in the first ship that afforded him the chance; in this way he visited the ports of Finland, Russia, Spain, Italy, Turkey, Holland, and other lands, besides those of his native country. After spending four years in this manner Mr. Rosen decided to take a course in navigation, thus hoping to be able to advance more rapidly in his chosen career. He took a course in one of the naval academies of Sweden, which fitted him to hold an official position on any boat in any land.

However, it was not Mr. Rosen's lot to continue a sailor, and soon after his naval education he entered the employ of Joseph Gulda, of his native city, where he learned the principles and methods of fur dressing, which knowledge proved of such value to him in after years. Many of his countrymen were yearly emigrating to the United States, and Mr. Rosen, becoming imbued with the same desire, yielded to it in 1880, and in that year settled in St. Paul. On the morning after his arrival in that city he obtained work as a laborer, using a shovel and wheelbarrow. However, he was not satisfied to remain in this sort of work, and from time to time took such small contracts as he was able in dressing furs; soon after he met one of the foremost men in this line in the Northwest, and this proved of considerable benefit to him.

Mr. Rosen founded his business in 1885, the first shop being a two story building, twenty-four by forty-eight feet, containing an eight-horse-power engine; he now has sixty thousand square feet of floor space, with a steam power plant of one hundred horse power. He has two artesian wells, the factory is lighted with its own electric lighting plant, contains three elevators, and is equipped with all modern machinery for carrying on the dressing and dyeing of furs. In the first year of business seventy-five thousand skins were dressed and dyed in the factory; now skins from all parts of the world are brought to this factory, and during the year 1908 1,700,000 skins were cared for in the plant.

Mr. Rosen understands all branches and details of the business in which he has made his fortune, and also has great ability in inventing new machinery and appliances to insure quicker and better work, and thus is able to compete successfully with others in the same line of business. He has also discovered several new dyes, and is looked upon as an authority and an expert in his line. In his business dealings he has

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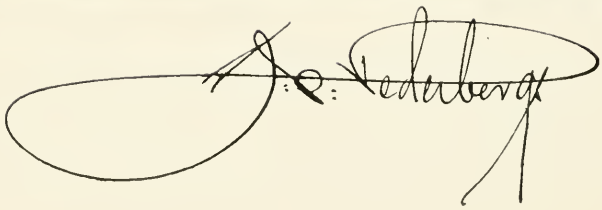

always shown the utmost honesty and straightforward dealing, and among those who deal with him his word given by speech does not have to be confirmed in writing above his signature. His place among the leading men of financial circles in St. Paul has been attained by earnest endeavor and single purpose.

Among the masonic fraternity of the state Mr. Rosen is a well-known worker; in 1889 he joined Blue Lodge No. 3, of St. Paul; he is a member of Minnesota Chapter No. 1, St. Paul Council No. 1, and Damascus Commandery No. 1; is also a Scottish Rite Mason and a member of the Osman Temple of the Mystic Shrine. He belongs to the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, Lodge No. 59, and is a member of St. Sigfried Episcopal Church of St. Paul, being one of the charter members of that organization. He has made large contributions toward the support of the church, and has held the post of senior warden since 1896. He is a director of the Scandinavian American Bank, was the second president of the Norden Club, and has served as president of the Union Cemetery. His property holdings include some of the choicest portions of the city. Mr. Rosen is affiliated with the Republican party and served six years as alderman of South St. Paul, and during 1902-3 as a member of the assembly of the city council.

Mr. Rosen has been twice married, first in 1876, to Charlotte Josephine Rosen. The only surviving child of this union is Gustaf Theodore Frithjof, born October 31, 1877, who is engaged with his father in the fur business. Mr. Rosen married (second), December 24, 1882, Anna Sophia Johnson, of St. Paul, and of this marriage Jeannette Valfrida is the only one living. She was married September 5, 1906, to C. H. Biorn, an attorney of St. Paul. Mr. Rosen resides at 334 Cherokee avenue, and owns the most beautiful home in West St. Paul; the house stands on high ground, and affords a fine view of the river and the business part of the city.

Johan Oscar Cederberg.—To say that Johan Oscar Cederberg is assistant public examiner for the state of Minnesota by no means conveys a fitting idea of his standing as an influencial citizen and Democrat. One of the leading and most versatile Swedish-Americans of the commonwealth, he has overcome the hardest kind of obstacles by the bravery and wise methods of his attacks and his cheerful, whole-souled and optimistic temperament.

When the financial storm of the early eighties swept over the greater part of Europe, striking Scandinavia with especial fury, Mr. Cederberg's prosperous business and his private fortune were swept away; to that time he had been remarkably successful as a real estate dealer and promoter. For some years he attempted to repair his shattered affairs in Sweden, but finding it almost a hopeless case, even for one of his abilities and temperament, he decided to resume the task in the northwest of the new world. With this explanatory paragraph, a characteristic resume

of his American career is given in his own words: "I was born in Lenhofda parish, Småland, January 15, 1851, and came to this land of promise Decoration Day, 1890. Hard times commenced to set in almost immediately. Tried for seven long years to make a living as a newspaper man, and got so thin that I had to take up life insurance in order to get flesh on my bones. Succeeded in killing two Swedish weekly newspapers and took in the funeral of the American Assessment Association. My 'dog days' well served and pretty nearly broken in soul and body, I tried to take up politics for a living; but I soon found out that to engage in politics is something similar to engaging in matrimony—takes two to make a bargain, and if only one is willing there is 'nothing doing.' I courted dame politics with more or less success for another seven lean years, working as clerk in the county treasurer's office and the public examiners office; as assistant actuary in the insurance commissioner's office; for three years (1902-3) as head bookkeeper for the St. Paul city treasurer, until finally in the spring of 1905 I landed as assistant public examiner in the new Minnesota capitol. I am still holding on to that job."

Mr. Cederberg passes over the details of his work and also neglects to state, with characteristic modesty, that, although he has not accumulated another fortune in the United States, he has accomplished that for which he has earned far greater honor—has done most able work in several fields and that which has vastly benefitted his countrymen. His long and useful journalistic career originated in Sweden, in 1880, when, in company with Mauritz Linder, he established *Oskarshamnstidningen,* which today is one of the most successful newspapers published in Småland. While a citizen of the Northwest he has ably edited papers in Superior, Wisconsin, and Duluth, Minnesota, besides having been editor and publisher of two weeklies in St. Paul. He is a very clear and logical writer; as a practical man he always has his point definitely in view and never misses it with his literary weapons. Coming to America in the maturity of his fortieth year, without even a knowledge of the language of his adopted country, Mr. Cederberg has overcome far greater obstacles than the majority of his countrymen, as his aims were higher and broader; but his brilliant mind, his energy, his perseverance, his ability to look on the bright side of a situation, while recognizing the clouds of a normal world, has enabled him to raise himself to a high position of honor among the Swedish-Americans of Minnesota.

No feature of Mr. Cederberg's career has been greater to his ability and honor and brought more lasting benefit to his people than the part he has taken in placing Scandinavian life insurance companies on a safe basis. In 1900 he published a pamphlet entitled "Hus på Sanden" ("Houses Built on the Sand"), in which he attacked the system of assessment then prevailing in some of the mutual insurance associations. The pamphlet caused a storm of protest, but it eventually resulted in changes being made in several of the leading associations along the lines which

he suggested. In the reformation of its system the Galesburg (Illinois) Mutual Aid Association, one of the strongest organizations of the kind among the Scandinavians of the Northwest, called upon Mr. Cederberg as an expert to propose a better plan than that under which the association was then working. Then going before its board of directors, he proved that it was only a matter of time before, under the prevailing system, the association would either be forced into bankruptcy or to adopt a schedule of assessments which would force out the majority of its members—a policy which also meant bankruptcy. Mr. Cederberg was then asked to formulate a new and saving scheme, which should both keep the association alive and protect its policy-holders. When the latter body met at Galesburg, in the winter of 1901-2, the proposition which he submitted was accepted with but a few dissenting votes. The Galesburg Mutual Aid Association was then reorganized as the Scandia Life Insurance Company, which is doing a stable and a fine business. It is estimated that Mr. Cederberg saved its policy-holders fully two million dollars by his work, and it is known that he succeeded in reorganizing a somewhat uncertain institution into one in which northwestern Scandinavians have the greatest and the justest confidence.

Mr. Cederberg has been twice married, his first wife (Ida Fatima Peterson) having died in 1882, leaving four children. Gustav, the oldest child by this marriage, was born in 1877, and is now second assistant corporation examiner for Minnesota, with headquarters at St. Paul. Esther, who was born in 1879, was married in Sweden; Ingrid, born in 1881, is a resident of Stockholm; and Thornsten, born in 1882, is a physician attached to the Royal Swedish navy and living in Stockholm. Both Esther and Ingrid spent their childhood in this country, but returned to the fatherland a few years ago. Mr. Cederberg married as his second wife Miss Emma Louisa Ruuth, who has borne him three children, as follows: John Oscar, who graduated from the University of Illinois in 1908, is an architect and resides with his parents in St. Paul; Ruth, born in 1887, who is a student in art; and Emmy Signe, born in 1890, who is studying music. The modest but comfortable family residence is at 689 Bedford street, St. Paul.

CHAPTER XXIV.

CITY OF DULUTH.

In 1871, when Hon. J. Proctor Knott, the orator and famous wit of Kentucky delivered his noted speech in the national house of representatives, which was designed to kill time, as well as the proposed land grant of the Bayfield & St. Croix Railroad, he did the city of Duluth an incalculable service. Thinking that Duluth was to be the real terminus of the line, he covered the place with bombastic and really witty verbiage, and advertised it throughout the United States beyond its fondest hopes. His own efforts, so ludicrously described, to locate Duluth on the national map, were not so far-fetched at the time, especially from a gentleman who hailed from the south; but from that time on, the city was a fixture on the map of the United States, and few had to be told, even in a special way, where it was. The Hon. Proctor Knott managed to kill the St. Croix land grant, for the time being, to the great joy of Duluth. He was therefore the indirect means of securing for that city the Lake Superior & Mississippi grant and the direct cause of bringing her into national prominence. And it is hardly too much to say that his wildest statements in regard to her prominence as a wheat, a lumber and an ore center, have been exceeded by the actual development since he made his historic speech.

The "Zenith City of the Unsalted Seas," as it has become popularly known, has a freshness, a vigor and a push that are well described in that phrase. Altogether, it is the greatest shipping port in the world, its annual tonnage of 37,000,000 (or more) placing it ahead of London, Liverpool and New York. It is the headquarters of the greatest iron ore mining in the world, its immense docks and some four hundred freighters being visible evidences of the power of the United States Steel Corporation. The city is the commercial center of a district which produces some 100,000,000 million bushels of wheat annually and 887,000,000 feet of lumber, and it has developed a water power which is one

of the most enormous in the world. On a hill, about eight hundred feet above lake level, is a reservoir of forty acres, from which a canal three miles long leads to an enormous power house. Through this system, it is estimated that sixty thousand horse power has been made available for the industrial and commercial establishments of Duluth. In the manipulation of the vast stocks of raw materials which enter her limits, large black furnaces, iron works, machine shops, saw mills, match factories and flour mills are working night and day.

Duluth is not only the terminus of thirteen steamship lines, but of three great railroad systems—the Chicago & Northwestern, Great Northern and Northern Pacific. Its transportation facilities are further increased by close connections with the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul, and it is the headquarters of the Duluth, Missabe & Northern, Duluth, Rainy Lake & Winnipeg, Duluth, South Shore & Atlantic, Duluth & Iron Range, and the Duluth & Northern Minnesota. At the head of navigation of the Great Lakes, Duluth is the natural outlet for the vast wheat harvests of the northwest, and the primary distributing point not only for this crop, but for the iron ores of the entire Lake Superior region; but, although she possessed all these advantages of location, when Proctor Knott delivered his famous philippic she had just assumed the dignity of a municipality—and a small one at that.

Duluth was not incorporated until 1870, and ten years later the population had only reached 3,483. In 1890 the city had grown to be a place of 33,115 souls. and in 1900 it had a population of 52,969, of which 21,000 were of foreign birth. In 1909, the city proper was estimated at 85,000, and, with suburbs, at 94,000. Duluth was permanently settled in 1853, but took its name from the famous French traveler Daniel Gresolon, or Sieur du Lhut, who first visited the locality in 1679-80. It is easy to see how, for euphony's sake, du-Lhut became Duluth.

Under the municipal charter of 1900, Duluth elects its mayor, treasurer, comptroller and judge of the municipal court, while the clerk, attorney, assessor, clerk of the municipal court, city engineer, chief of police, superintendent of streets, commissioner of health, chief of the fire department and others, are appointed. The annual municipal income is about $1,700,000 and the expenditure $1,650,000. Of the latter, more than $1,000,000 goes toward the maintenance and operation of the pub-

lic schools, of which there are thirty-eight. There are also a number of select business colleges and nineteen parochial schools. One of the state normal schools is also located at Duluth. It was established in 1895, the city donating six acres as a site, and the buildings as they now stand were completed in 1901 at a cost of $103,000. In speaking of Duluth as a municipality, it should also be said that she owns and operates both her gas plant and water works.

In all of this splendid development of the city, commercially, industrially and educationally, the Swedish-Americans have been prominent. They have also participated in the progress of local journalism. The *Duluth Posten* and the *Duluth Skandinav,* both established in 1887, (when Duluth was still young), have done a good work in its general promotion, as well as in championing the special interests of their countrymen.

Another feature of Duluth which owes much to the instincts, tastes and talents of the Swedish-Americans, is the beautifying of its public park area. The city now has four hundred acres of land devoted to parks and about twenty miles of boulevards. The Swedish-Americans are great frequenters of all out-of-door resorts. Some of the finest views in Duluth may be obtained from Lester, Lincoln and Chester parks,and Lakeview Terrace, the last named a beautiful drive winding along the shores of the lake some five hundred feet above its level.

Distinctly domestic and lovers of home, the Scandinavians of Duluth also faithfully care for the last resting places of their dead. Among their burial grounds best known are Scandia Cemetery, on the south side of London road, east of Thirty-second avenue east; Park Hill (Norwegian), on the south side of Vermillion road, four miles northeast of the court house: and the Scandinavian Union Cemetery, at Hermantown.

In the furtherance of the religious and charitable life of the city, it goes without saying (among those who have even a superficial acquaintance with Swedish-Americans) that our countrymen have done very much to make Duluth the church-going community which it is. The Evangelical Lutherans are the most numerous of denominational members among both the Swedes and the Norwegians. The latter have six churches, with a total membership of about 1,600, while the Swedes support the following: Elim Swedish Evangelical Lutheran Church, Fifty-sixth avenue west, corner of Elinor,which was organized in 1890,

and now has a membership of 480; First Swedish Evangelical Lutheran Church, Third street, southwest corner of Sixth avenue east, which was organized in 1871 and numbers 475; Swedish Evangelical Lutheran Bethany Church, southwest corner of Third street and Twenty-third avenue west, organized in 1886 and membership 626; and Swedish-Finnish Evangelical Lutheran, southwest corner of Fifty-third and Wadena, organized in 1898, and membership 125.

There are fifteen Methodist churches in Duluth, of which the Swedish-Americans have two: First Swedish M. E. Church, northeast corner of Third street and Twentieth avenue west, organized 1888, membership 100; Second Swedish M. E. Church, northeast corner of Sixtieth avenue west and Bristol, membership 18.

Of the three Baptist churches in the city, Swedish-Americans maintain three, as follows: First, northeast corner of First street and Nineteenth avenue west, organized in 1884 and present membership 240; Bethel, northwest corner of Third street and Ninth avenue east; and Third Swedish Baptist Church, southeast corner of Fifty-ninth street and Ramsey, organized 1892, present membership 118.

Swedish Mission (Covenant) Church, northwest corner of Second street and Twenty-first avenue west, was organized in 1886 and now has a membership of 375; while the Swedish Christian Mission (Covenant), southwest corner of Fifty-ninth avenue and Greene street, has 25 members.

One of the seven Episcopalian churches of Duluth (St. Peter's), on First street west. was organized in 1899. The diocese of this denomination was established in the city in 1895, the Catholic diocese having been founded in Duluth since 1889.

The Swedish Evangelical Lutheran Church, the Swedish Mission, as well as other religious bodies supported by Swedish-Americans, maintain parochial schools in the city. They also have a number of well-conducted charitable organizations, such as the Swedish Christian Sick Benefit Society.

In fact, it is evident that Duluth but repeats the general story which is told by all other Minnesota towns and cities—that its Swedish-Americans are a decided credit to themselves as a distinct racial element and to the best institutions of their adopted country.

John E. Ericsson, a member of the well-known firm of contractors and builders, Lanquist, Illsley & Company, with headquarters at 393 North Clark street, Chicago, Illinois, is a native of Sweden and dates his birth May 23, 1868. He came with his parents, Carl and Martha (Johnson) Ericsson, to this country in 1883, when a new home was established on a farm in Martin county, Minnesota. Here the father followed farming the rest of his life, and died in 1905. The mother died in 1907. They were the parents of thirteen children, six of whom died in Sweden. Those who came to the United States with their parents were Henry, Charles, John E., Lena (who married John A. Hall), William, Hannah (who married George Keeler), and Naomi, who died in 1903.

John E. Ericsson attended public school in Sweden and also was a student at the Elementary College, Stockholm. He was fifteen years of age when he landed in this country. Here he served an apprenticeship to the trade of brick mason. At nineteen he was made a foreman and a few years later, in 1890, was advanced to the position of superintendent for the firm of A. Lanquist & Company, contractors and builders, a position he filled twelve years. In 1902 he formed a partnership with his brother Henry, under the name of Henry & John Ericsson, general contractors, with headquarters in Chicago. This business association lasted four years, when it was dissolved, and the subject of our sketch became a partner of the firm of Lanquist, Illsley & Company, 393 North Clark street. This company does an extensive business, that employs a large force of men, and extends over several states. At this writing the firm has under construction the new court house at Duluth, which will cost about one million dollars, and which is under the supervision of Mr. Ericsson; also the immense steel plant at Gary, Indiana, which, when completed, will be the largest plant of the kind in the world.

In 1894, Mr. Ericsson married Miss Celia Peterson, daughter of Swan Peterson, a dry goods merchant of Chicago, and they are the parents of three children: Earl, born in 1895; Lillian, in 1897; Vivian, in 1898—all students in the Chicago public schools. Mrs. Ericsson was born and educated in Chicago.

Fraternally, Mr. Ericsson is identified with the A. F. & A. M., including the Mystic Shrine and the Consistory; the Royal Arcanum, in which he has passed all the chairs; the North Star, and the Swedish United Sons of America, and the Swedish Glee Club of Chicago. Both he and his wife belong to the Swedish Lutheran church, Mrs. Ericsson being active in church work, and filling the office of secretary of the Lutheran Woman's League.

Helmer Grape, of Duluth, Minnesota, was born September 7, 1862, in the parish of Carl Gustaf, Norrbotten, Sweden, "the Land of the Midnight Sun," a few miles from the Polar Circle, where his father was a well known minister. His early education was obtained in a primary school in Haparanda, the most northern city in the world,

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barring Hammerfest in Norway; he attended high school in Umeå, Westerbotten, where he graduated in 1880, after which he enrolled at the University of Upsala, and spent several years there as a student. Having developed a taste for literary work, he went to Stockholm, where he engaged in newspaper work and did some other writing.

Deciding to try his luck in the United States, he embarked for this country, in the spring of 1893, and landed here at a time of business depression. During the next fifteen years he was variously employed, chiefly in newspaper work, as editor of papers in Duluth, St. Paul, Minneapolis, and Superior. Also he served as editor of the *Suometar*, Calumet, Michigan, a paper published in the Finnish language, which has since been discontinued.

About 1900 Mr. Grape filed a homestead claim in Michigan, and dates the beginning of his prosperity at that time. Soon he became interested in getting up settlements of Swedes and Finns, such as Herman, and Covington in Michigan, and is still identified with work of this character, associated with a Duluth firm.

Mr. Grape is a member of the Swedish United Sons of America. He is unmarried. He is doing a prosperous business in real estate, principally around Duluth and other Minnesota and Wisconsin towns.

Prof. K. A. Östergren, of Duluth, Minnesota, was born in the province of Örebro, Sweden, September 15, 1848, and received his earliest education in the common school of his native parish of Ringkarleby. He entered Karolinska Läroverket, Örebro, in 1861, and graduated in 1867. While yet a student, he identified himself with the free religious movement in Sweden, and joined the Baptist church at Örebro in 1868. That same year he made an engagement with A. Viberg, a Baptist pastor of Stockholm, to write for a religious periodical. He spent the years 1869-1871 at Upsala, as pastor of the Baptist church, and at the same time studied philosophy at the university. In 1871 he engaged to accompany a large party of emigrants from the southern part of Sweden to "New Sweden," Maine. Upon their arrival in this country, they found the Maine colony overcrowded and a large number of emigrants wanting employment. He went ahead to Boston, Massachusetts, and to Providence, Rhode Island, to procure work for them, and near the latter place, at the Rumford Chemical Works, he found employment for a great number. For a year he remained with them to help them along in their new environments, and to such an extent did they appreciate his service that they furnished him with means that enabled him to pursue a course of study in Newton Theological Institution near Boston, where he graduated in 1875.

Immediately following his graduation, Mr. Östergren came to Minnesota and became pastor of the First Swedish Baptist Church of St. Paul; also he published the denominational paper, *Sions Vakt* and *Facklan*.

Through acquaintance with Boston people, he was induced to lead immigration of Swedes into Northern Wisconsin, and he founded a colony in Price and Taylor counties, in a heavily timbered district, which furnished abundant opportunities for employment for the settlers. In 1889 Mr. Östergren was appointed State Commissioner of Immigration, by Governor William E. Smith, and continued in office four years, spending a part of this time in Chicago. For eleven years he was identified with the Swedish settlement at Ogema, engaged in receiving newcomers, and had the satisfaction of seeing a prosperous community developing in the southern part of Price county and in parts of Taylor and Lincoln counties. In addition to other duties connected with the building up of the settlement, he was secretary of the school board and took an active interest in educational work.

In 1891, Mr. Östergren moved to Duluth, where he has been engaged in educational work, besides being for several years editor of the *Duluth Posten,* with which he is still connected. During the panic of 1893-96 he spent three winters at Grand Marais, as principal of the county school of Cook county, Minnesota. He was appointed deputy clerk of the District Court of Duluth, in 1904, a position he has since filled.

In 1875, in Boston, he married Miss Mary Henrietta Johanson, daughter of a wholesale merchant of Stockholm, Sweden, formerly of Hull, England, where she was born. Since they have been residents of Duluth, Mrs. Östergren has taught music, and is well known there. The family consists of seven children, four sons and three daughters: E. A., assistant superintendent of the Allouez ore dock at Superior; K. A., salesman with the firm of French & Bassett, Duluth; C. D., well known as a musical director in both Duluth and Superior; the youngest son, a senior in the Duluth high school; Agnes Mary, wife of Dr. Arvid Gordh, president of Bethel Academy at St. Paul; Henrietta, wife of Harvey R. Gardner of St. Paul; and May, in training as nurse, at Mounds Park Sanitarium, St. Paul.

Charles Mork, who is engaged in the clothing business at 1930 West Superior street, Duluth, Minnesota, came to this country from Sweden when a young man and, unaided, has worked his way to success.

Mr. Mork was born in Wermland, Sweden, November 12, 1866, son of Carl and Christena (Streed) Mork, he being the second in a family of eleven children, namely: Amanda, who married A. G. Malmquist; Charles; Emil; Edward; Oscar; William; Anna, who married Fred Larson; Lois; Peter; Gustaf, and Adolph. All of them came to this country, and are now living in Duluth, with the exception of Lois and Peter, who returned to Sweden. The father died October 1, 1907; the mother, October 1, 1906.

When a boy, Charles attended the public schools of his native land, and assisted his father in a meat market, the father being a butcher by trade; and in 1885, at the age of eighteen, came to America, Minneapolis

being his objective point. He did various kinds of work, chiefly railroading, at different places, until 1888, from that year until 1894 he worked on the coal docks, and in the last named year he was appointed to a position on the Duluth Police force. After serving four years as patrolman, he was promoted to the office of city detective, in which capacity he acted four years. Resigning his position on the police force, he engaged in the clothing business at his present location, 1930 West Superior street, where he handles ready-made clothing and gents' furnishing goods, keeping a well-selected stock and doing a successful business.

Politically, Mr. Mork is a Democrat. In addition to his public service on the police force, he has filled the office of alderman, having been elected in 1896, and served two years. He is member of the Modern Woodmen and the Swedish orders of I. S. W. A. and S. H. & E. F., and he belongs to the Swedish Mission church.

December 10, 1888, Mr. Mork married Miss Sophia Johnson, daughter of Peter Johnson, and they have three children: Frank William, a clerk in his father's store, was born October 27, 1889; Ida, March 18, 1891, and Esther, September 7, 1893, both attending the Duluth Central High School, which Frank William also attended before taking a course in the Duluth Business University.

David E. Seashore, M. D. of Duluth, Minnesota, was born February 4, 1875, at Dayton, Iowa, son of Rev. Carl G. and Emily (Borg) Seashore. Rev. Carl G. Seashore and his wife were natives of Småland, Sweden. They came to America in 1869, and settled at Dayton, Iowa, where they made their home and reared their family of five children: Carl E., August F., Emma, now the wife of B. F. Anderson; Selma, who died in 1903, at the age of twenty-five years, and David E. The father was a Lutheran minister, a pioneer worker, and an influence for great good in the community. Boxholm had no Swedish Lutheran church at the time of his settlement there. He at once began preaching, and gathered together the few Swedish Lutherans in the town and surrounding country. After holding meetings in the school-house for a few years, he solicited funds with which to purchase lumber and other material for the erection of a house of worship, and, being a carpenter, he built the church with his own hands. He continued to serve as pastor of his church up to the time of his death in 1898.

After receiving a public school education in his native town, David E. Seashore pursued a course of study in Gustavus Adolphus College at St. Peter, Minnesota, and subsequently entered the University of Minnesota, where he completed the medical course and graduated in 1902. He began the practice of his profession in Otter Tail county, Minnesota, and remained there two years, coming thence, in 1904, to Duluth, where he has established himself in a successful practice. Dr. Seashore has identified himself with numerous fraternal organizations, including the American Medical Association; the State Medical Society of Minnesota,

and the St. Louis County Medical Society; also the A. F. & A. M., being a Scottish Rite Mason; the I. O. O. F., the A. O. U. W., the K. O. T. M., the M. B. A, the Swedish Brothers, and the North Star Benevolent Society.

June 10, 1904, Dr. Seashore married Miss Winfred Jones, daughter of Dr. M. S. Jones, of Battle Lake, Minnesota, and they have two children: Helen Emily, born June 10, 1905; and Malcolm D., born January 22, 1909. The doctor and his wife are members of the Swedish Lutheran church.

Eric A. Lindgren, general emigrant agent for the Duluth South Shore and Atlantic Railroad, Duluth, Minnesota, was born at Ofver Tornea Pello, Sweden, in 1868, son of Nels and Maria (Jurva) Lindgren, the former a native of Sweden and the latter of Finland. Nels Lindgren was engaged in merchandising in Sweden for many years, and died there in October, 1908.

In the public and elementary schools of his native land, Eric A. received his early training. The greater part of his education, however, has been obtained from the broad school of experience. He spent two years as clerk in a railroad office in Sweden before coming to America in 1889. On landing in New York, he directed his course westward to the Black Hills, and at once found employment in the mines; but mining was not to his liking, eight days' work being sufficient to convince him of that fact. From the Black Hills he went to Calumet, Michigan, where he spent six months as clerk in a general merchandise store. Next we find him in Montana, where he was financially interested as a stockholder in a lead and silver mining company. This venture proved unfortunate, and the company, after having invested and lost $160,000, abandoned the enterprise.

Young Lindgren, without means but undaunted, returned to Calumet, Michigan, and accepted a position as bookkeeper in a drug store, where he remained six months. In 1895 he came to Duluth. He clerked in a law office a short time, two years was bookkeeper in the courthouse and two years was employed in the same capacity by the Duluth Board of Trade. In 1905 he was appointed emigrant agent for the Duluth South Shore and Atlantic Railroad, a position for which he was specially adapted by reason of his familiarity with several languages, and he soon became an important factor in the office and was promoted to the responsible position of general emigrant agent for the company, which office he is now filling. Mr. Lindgren is a member of the Royal Arcanum and the Sons of Sweden.

William A. Anderson, deputy register of titles of St. Louis county, Minnesota, was born February 4, 1882, at Iron Mountain, Michigan, son of Andrew W. and Amelia (Larson) Anderson, natives of Sweden. Mr. Anderson's parents came to the United States in 1880 and settled at Iron

Mountain, Michigan, where they made their home until the father's death, in 1894. He had studied engineering in Sweden, and was employed as engineer at Iron Mountain and in that vicinity. In their family were ten children, namely: Minnie, who married a Mr. Fredin; William A.; Alma T., who married Victor Manson; the next two died in infancy; Eugene V., Phillip, Rudolph E., Milton D., and Gorden L. The family moved to Duluth in 1889.

Mr. Anderson was educated in the public schools of Tower, Minnesota, and the Duluth high school, and began his business career as shipper and order clerk in the wholesale store of Schulze Bros., where he remained three years. Then he accepted a clerkship in the office of the registrar of deeds. Three years later he was appointed deputy register of titles of St. Louis county, has twice been reappointed for a term of two years, and is now serving his third term.

He is a member of the Knights of Pythias and belongs to several benevolent insurance orders. In his church, the Third Swedish Baptist church, he has charge of the music, and has long been a faithful worker. For fourteen years he has been organist, and for eight years leader of the choir. Also he is an active member of the Y. M. C. A., in which for two years he was leader of the orchestra.

November 11, 1908, Mr. Anderson married Miss Olga V. Olson, daughter of O. G. Olson, one of Duluth's prominent and highly respected business men.

Peter J. Borgstrom, bookkeeper in the office of county auditor, Duluth, Minnesota, was born January 19, 1864, in Jemtland province, Sweden, son of John and Catherine Borgstrom, natives of Sweden. The Borgstrom family emigrated to the United States in 1881 and settled at Willmar, Minnesota, where they made their home for about nine years, at the end of that time removing to Duluth, where they have since resided. John and Catherine Borgstrom are the parents of three children: Martha, wife of John J. Eckander, of Willmar, Minnesota, and Peter J., and Andrew J.

Peter J. was educated in the public schools of his native land, and was a youth of seventeen at the time he accompanied his parents to America. At Willmar he secured a position as clerk in the postoffice, where he was employed two years. Then he entered a general merchandise store, in which he clerked until the removal of the family to Duluth. Here he accepted a clerkship in the real estate office of Edward Elston, of West Duluth. A year later, in 1892, he was elected clerk of the municipal court of West Duluth; was reëlected the following year, and served until the court was discontinued, which was caused by the consolidation of West Duluth with Duluth. In 1894 he was elected register of deeds of St. Louis county, Minnesota, and filled this office two terms, having been reëlected. He has since been employed as bookkeeper in the auditor's office.

Mr. Borgstrom married, April 11, 1885, Miss Martha E. Nelson, daughter of Erick Nelson, of Willmar, and they have four children: Cora Mabel, born May 6, 1890; Earl L., March 26, 1896; Myrtle, January 9, 1898; and Joel Reuben, September 14, 1906. Fraternally, Mr. Borgstrom is identified with the Independent Order of Good Templars, and both he and his wife have membership in the Swedish Baptist church.

Peter Johnson, painter and sign manufacturer, 211 West Superior street, Duluth, Minnesota, was born in Skona, Sweden, July 21, 1861, son of John and Gertrude (Hausson) Person. John Person came to the United States in 1876, and settled at Willmar, Minnesota. About a year and a half later he went to Langdon, Minnesota, but subsequently he returned to Willmar, where he has since resided. His wife joined him here in 1886, and other members of the family came at different times, the family consisting of five children, namely: Cecilia, Ella, John, Peter and Hannah.

Peter Johnson received a public-school education in his native land and there served an apprenticeship to the trade of painter. In 1881, at the age of twenty, he left the old home in Sweden and joined his father at Willmar, where he remained about eighteen months. Afterward he went to Minneapolis and from there to St. Paul, spending four years in the latter city, all the while working at his trade. In 1887 he took up his residence in Duluth. Here he formed a partnership with M. H. Ekstrom, under the firm name of Ekstrom & Johnson, painters and sign manufacturers; three years later he purchased his partner's interest, and has since continued the business in his own name. He manufactures all kinds of signs, including the most modern and artistic electric signs, and has built up a substantial and growing business, with headquarters at 211 West Superior street.

In 1897 Mr. Johnson married Miss Edith Erickson, daughter of John Erickson, a farmer of Cannon Falls, Minnesota, and a veteran of the Civil war. Mr. and Mrs. Johnson have one child, Gertrude, born November 26, 1908. Fraternally, Mr. Johnson is identified with the Modern Woodmen and the Modern Samaritans.

Peter M. Carlson, who is identified with the manufacturing interests of Duluth, Minnesota, was born in Sweden, November 7, 1887. In his native land he received a public-school education and was raised on a farm, but later learned the trade of cabinetmaker, at which he worked there for several years. Coming to this country, in 1897, he found employment on a farm near St. Paul, where he remained for about eighteen months. Afterward he worked in the railroad shops at St. Paul a few months, and then, wishing to see something more of this country he made a trip west to Dakota and Montana, stopping at various places and spending some time at work at different occupations. Re-

turning to Minnesota he took up his abode in Duluth and went to work at the carpenter's trade. After working five years as a journeyman carpenter he formed a partnership with E. F. Blowers, and for two years they were engaged in contracting and building. In May, 1901, Mr. Carlson turned his attention to the manufacture of show-cases and office fixtures, beginning in a small way, at 1608-10 West Michigan street, but having his factory equipped with up-to-date machinery, and from the start turning out first class work. The business grew and soon demanded larger quarters. Mr. Carlson organized and incorporated a company, with a capital stock of $50,000, the largest part of which he retained, and under his general management the business has continued to prosper. The factory was moved to 302-6 Lake avenue, South, where they now occupy a building 100 by 100 feet, two stories high, and employ a number of men.

Mr. Carlson is a member of the I. O. O. F., and was formerly a member of the Royal Temple of Templars, a temperance organization, with headquarters at Buffalo, New York, of which he was for several years financial secretary. He is unmarried.

Dr. Joel Alfred Osterberg, dentist, 2004 West Superior street, Duluth, Minnesota, was born September 23, 1875, at Stockholm, Wright county, Minnesota, son of Lewis P. and Christena (Johnson) Osterberg, natives of Sweden.

Lewis P. Osterberg and wife came to the United States in 1868, and the following year settled in Wright county, Minnesota, where they still live, on a farm. He was one of the organizers of the Stockholm Mutual Fire Insurance Company, and was elected its president. Their family consists of nine children, namely: John A., Charles E., Frank O., J. Alfred, Herman N., Tillie J., Arthur G., Albert M. and Clara M.

Joel Alfred Osterberg received his early education in the public schools of his native town, and continued his studies in the high school, after which he entered the Dental Department of the University of Minnesota, and graduated in 1901. Immediately after his graduation he opened an office at 2004 West Superior street, Duluth, where he has established himself in a substantial and growing practice.

April 29, 1908, Dr. Osterberg married Miss Victoria Clausen, daughter of John Clausen, a farmer, and an old resident of Duluth. Mrs. Osterberg is a native of Minnesota. Both the doctor and his wife are members of the Modern Samaritans.

Hjalmar Ahl, assistant secretary for the firm of Bridgeman-Russell Co., wholesale dairy products, Duluth, Minnesota, was born February 7, 1877, at Algutsboda, Sweden, son of Swen and Mariana Ahl. Swen Ahl was for many years a merchant in Sweden, and is still living there. His wife died in 1897. In their family were ten children, four of whom are residents of this country, namely: Charles, who lives in Du-

luth; Anna, in Seattle, Washington; Martin, in San Francisco, California, and Hjalmar.

Hjalmar Ahl came to the United States in 1893, a youth of sixteen, and for a few years had to struggle hard for an existence. He worked as a common laborer, coachman, deliveryman for a grocery store, clerk in a general store, and bookkeeper. Mr. Ahl had received a common-school education in his native lanad, and as soon as circumstances permitted it, he attended Gustavus Adolphus College, St. Peter, and later took a course in a business university. In April, 1907, he accepted the position he now holds, that of assistant secretary of the Bridgeman-Russell Company, wholesale dairy products.

During the Spanish-American war Mr. Ahl was a soldier, a member of Company A, Fourteenth Regiment of Minnesota Volunteers, and also served in the expedition that suppressed the Leach Lake Indian uprising at Bemidji, Minnesota, in 1898, and for four years was a member of the Minnesota State Militia.

June 23, 1906, Mr. Ahl married Miss Ida Peterson, daughter of Isaac Peterson, of Fish Lake, Minnesata, and they have one child, a daughter, Dagmar, born September 6, 1908.

For years Mr. Ahl has been prominent and active in church work. He is a member of the First Swedish Lutheran church of Duluth, and of its Young People's Society. Of the former he has been a trustee, and in the latter for thirteen years he served in an official capacity, having filled the offices of president, secretary and librarian.

Axel E. Zimmerman, deputy city clerk of Duluth, Minnesota, was born May 16, 1869, at Cannon Falls, this state, son of Swedish parents, Victor and Emma Zimmerman. Victor Zimmerman emigrated from his home in northern Sweden to this country in 1863, and settled in Minnesota, first at Red Wing and afterward at Cannon Falls. He had learned the trade of miller in the old country, and worked at it after coming here, as also did his brothers, some of them being experts in the flour milling business. One of his brothers, Ole, who came to the United States about the same time, married, had one son named John, and became a prominent farmer of Minnesota. Victor Zimmerman died in 1882. His widow subsequently became the wife of John Nelson, and is now a resident of Cannon Falls. By her first husband she had six children: Two died in infancy of scarlet fever, Victor and Axel; Conrad died of diphtheria, at the age of seven years; Sallie, who is now dead, was the wife of Paul Rothe, who is engaged in the milling business at Cannon Falls; David, who died in 1900; and Axel E., of this sketch. By her second marriage she has two daughters, Edna and Amy, and one son, John, who has been engaged in the milling business at Superior, Wisconsin, for more than twenty years and is one of the best known millers in that city.

Axel E. Zimmerman received his early education in the public

schools of Cannon Falls, Minnesota. His first work was as clerk in the store of John Eslargreen & Son. While he was there, in May, 1887, Cannon Falls had a great fire, which destroyed half the business section of the town. After this young Zimmerman went to St. Paul, where he became a clerk in the wholesale grocery store of Yanz, Griggs & Howes, now Griggs, Cooper & Company, where he remained three years. At this time, feeling the need of a better training for business, he entered Parson's Business College, at Duluth, and took a commercial course, including stenography, typewriting, bookkeeping, etc., and graduated in the spring of 1890. Then he went to Cook county, Minnesota, and took up land, which he subsequently commuted. Returning to Duluth, he accepted a position as bookkeeper for the Duluth Provision & Dry Goods Company, which he resigned in 1899 to take up the work of deputy in the office of the city clerk. To this position he has been reappointed each year for eleven successive years, and is still filling the office, his long service being ample evidence of his efficiency. Meanwhile Mr. Zimmerman has traveled extensively over the United States, and has made two trips to the West Indies. From time to time he has made investments of various kinds. He is a stockholder in several mining and development companies, is a stockholder and director in the Duluth Gas Engine Company, and is the owner of a valuable fruit farm near Jacksonville, Florida. This farm he purchased from Stanly Smith, a retired Englishman, who had lived on the place eighteen years and brought it to a high state of cultivation, its chief products being pears, pecans, figs and persimmons.

Fraternally, Mr. Zimmerman is identified with the A. F. & A. M., Knights of Maccabees, Modern Samaritans, and B. P. O. E., and both he and his wife are members of the Lutheran church. May 22, 1895, he married Miss Mary Nelson, a native of Duluth, born June 16, 1873, daughter of Carl Nelson. They have an adopted son, Barny R. Zimmerman, who was born in 1898, and whom they have had since he was two years old.

J. J. Eklund, M. D., recognized throughout northern Minnesota as a skilled surgeon, and well known as one of Duluth's most public-spirited and influential citizens, was born in Sweden in 1861, and in early childhood came with his parents to this country. His father, N. J. Eklund, on landing in America, in 1866, came to Minnesota and settled at Taylor's Falls, where he lived with his family until 1870, when he moved to a farm near Rush Point in Chisago county. He was interested in temperance and church work, giving efficient effort and substantial support to both causes, for years serving as a deacon in the Swedish Lutheran church.

J. J. Eklund was five years old at the time of their coming to America. After attending the public school in the country he spent two years preparing for college in the home of his brother-in-law, Rev.

A. Engdahl, at Cambridge, Minnesota. Then he was for three years a student at Gustavus Adolphus College, St. Peter, this state, following which he entered the Minnesota College Hospital, where he graduated as a physician and surgeon in 1885. Two years later this institution became the Medical Department of the University of Minnesota.

Immediately after his graduation Dr. Eklund engaged in the practice of his profession at Duluth, where he has since continued, growing with the city and establishing a large practice. In the meantime, in order to keep up with the advancement made in the science of medicine and surgery, he spent two terms of study at the New York Polyclinic, New York City, and of late years by his skillful work in surgery he has gained a reputation among his profession as one of the leading surgeons in northern Minnesota.

From the beginning of his residence in Duluth Dr. Eklund has taken an active interest in the building up of the city. He was a member of the first City Charter Commission and chairman of the committee which drew up that part of the charter regarding the Board of Health; was for three years a member of the City Water and Light Board, and is identified with various private interests that have contributed to the city's growth and prosperity. He is a director of the Northern National Bank, is a heavy owner of Duluth real estate, and at this writing is building a handsome home in the most choice resident district of the city.

Politically, the doctor is a Republican, active and influential in party affairs. For ten years he served as coroner of St. Louis county. He was district delegate to the Republican National Convention that nominated President McKinley, and was again honored by being made an elector-at-large from this state in the recent election of Mr. Taft, and also was chosen messenger to carry the vote to Washington.

In 1888 Dr. Eklund married Miss Nannie Asp, of St. Peter, Minnesota. She died in 1905, leaving one son, William J., born in 1890.

Andrew Nelson, for a number of years identified with the educational interests of Minnesota, and now engaged in the practice of law at Duluth, was born at Marine, Washington county, Minnesota, April 1, 1872. Mr. Nelson's parents were natives of Sweden, his father, Jonas Nelson, born in the province of Blekinge, in 1830; his mother, Catherine (Swanson) Nelson, in Småland, Sweden, in 1843. He came to the United States in 1856; she in 1870. On his arrival in this country Jonas Nelson settled on a farm in Washington county, where he passed the rest of his life, and where he died in 1893. He was an active member of the Methodist Episcopal church; in politics was a Republican; was a public-spirited man, and took a keen interest in the welfare of the community, especially in educational affairs, serving as a member of the school board. He was the father of three sons: Andrew, the subject of this sketch; and John and Peter, twins.

Andrew Nelson's education was begun in the public schools of his

native county. He was a student at Gustavus Adolphus College, St. Peter, Minnesota, and afterward entered the University of Minnesota, where he graduated in 1892, receiving the degree of B. A. and the fellowship for mathematics. Then he took a post-graduate course and in 1893 received his degree of M. A. In 1893 he was elected principal of the graded school at Marine, Minnesota, which position he held one year. From 1894 to 1896 he was principal of the high school at Elgin, Minnesota; from 1896 to 1899 was superintendent of public schools at Benson, Minnesota, and in 1899 was appointed by Governor Lind to the position of assistant superintendent of public instruction at St. Paul, where he served until 1901. During the next five years he was superintendent of public schools at Austin, Minnesota, and there rounded out a period of thirteen years in educational work. Having previously studied law in the office of State Senator Albert Schaller, of St. Paul, and at the law department of Michigan University, he was admitted to the bar in 1906, and in the fall of that year entered upon the practice of law in Duluth, with office in the First National Bank Building.

Mr. Nelson is a Democrat. He is an eloquent, forceful speaker, is chairman of the Democratic committee of St. Louis county, and has performed much efficient campaign work for his party. While he has never sought public office for himself, he has been urged by his friends to do so, and could have had the nomination for Congress from his district in the fall of 1908, but declined to become a candidate.

He is a member of the various Masonic bodies from the Blue Lodge to the Commandery, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, Knights of Pythias, Modern Woodmen, Royal League, Modern Samaritans, United Sons of Sweden, and the Congregational church. June 30, 1898, Mr. Nelson married Miss Eleanor Harris, daughter of John Harris, of Minneapolis, and they have had two children: Arthur Raymond, born February 14, 1901, died February 22, 1901; and Harris, born February 19, 1908.

Olef A. Oredson, M. D., prominent in the medical profession at Duluth, Minnesota, was born at St. James, this state, March 3, 1872, the son of Swedish parents, Andrew and Anna (Nelson) Oredson. He was educated at Gustavus Adolphus College, St. Peter, Minnesota, and at the Iowa State University, the College of Physicians and Surgeons, Hamline University, and has the degrees of M. D. and C. M. Previously to his taking up the study of medicine he spent two years, 1894 to 1896, as a school teacher, and following that experience was for two years a commercial traveler. After graduation, in June, 1903, he served as house surgeon of Bethesda Hospital, St. Paul for one year. After completion of the hospital course, in June, 1904, he settled in Duluth and engaged in the practice of his profession, and from the start has met with that success which his thorough preparation for the work warranted.

Dr. Oredson is identified with numerous fraternal organizations,

including the North Star Benefit Association, the Modern Woodmen of America, the Modern Samaritans, Independent Working Association, Scandinavian Help and Aid Society, the Scandinavian Life Insurance Company and Security Mutual. Of all these organizations he is medical examiner. Also he is a member of the St. Louis County Medical Association, Minnesota State Medical and American Medical Associations, and he has membership in the West End Svea Glee Club, Commercial Club, Recreation, Boating and Driving Club and Sons of Sweden, and is a member of the Lutheran church.

In 1905 Dr. Oredson was the choice of his party for a place on the local school board, and in 1908 he was a candidate for the legislature of Minnesota. Both times, however, he was defeated, as his party was in the minority, but in the last campaign he was much stronger than the Democratic ticket, running several hundred votes ahead of it. February 2, 1906, he married Miss Emley Rosan, daughter of Samuel Rosan, of LeRoy, Minnesota.

Oscar Lonegren.—Among the leading business men in Duluth, Minnesota, is Oscar Lonegren, who is officially associated with the L. W. Leithhead Drug Company (wholesalers), as secretary and credit man. He descends from a family that has been connected with the Swedish state church for centuries.

Mr. Lonegren was born in Wederslof, Sweden, on October 27, 1858, where his father was rector of the state church. He was educated in his native land and began his business career with a grain firm in Gothenberg, after having graduated from the most prominent business college in that city.

In 1882 Mr. Lonegren left Sweden for the United States and for a few months worked as a mechanic at the Red Wing Wagon Factory, afterwards engaging in newspaper work in St. Paul, continuing thus employed until receiving the appointment in 1891 as bank examiner for Minnesota, which office he held nine years.

In 1901 Mr. Lonegren accepted a position as assistant credit man with the L. W. Leithhead Drug Company, and in 1905 was elected a director and secretary and credit man of the company, which position he still occupies.

Mr. Lonegren for years was known as one of the most pleasing public speakers and was often called upon to address the public at both business, political and social meetings or functions. Personally he is suave or stern, as the passing fancy suits him, but a keen, just and liberal financier, and has contributed much to the upbuilding of the business interests of the Northwest.

Mr. Lonegren, who recently celebrated his fifty-first anniversary, and also his silver wedding, has one daughter and two sons, one of whom was recently elected cashier of the "Duluth State Bank," and the other one assistant cashier of the First National Bank of Ely, Minnesota. Mr.

Lonegren is an enthusiastic member of the Masonic bodies, being a thirty-second degree Mason, a Knights Templar, and Shriner.

Emil August Swenson, who has been engaged in the furniture business the past seven years at Duluth, Minnesota, was born September 11, 1868, in Lefvar Nordmaling, of Westerbottens län (or province). In 1886, at the age of eighteen, he emigrated to America, where he has since lived in various cities, being variously employed. He spent a number of years in New York, working in different stores, hotels, hospitals, etc., and had an experience that gave him a knowledge of the doings of "the 400" as well as the manner of living of the people who landed at Castle Garden.

In 1899 Mr. Swenson married Miss Ida A. Okerlind, of New York, and to them have been born four children, namely: Rudolph Emil, aged nine years; Uno Edward, who died at the age of four months, in Brooklyn, New York; Oscar Edward and Mathilda Lovisa, both born in Erie, Pennsylvania.

Mr. Swenson is a member of the Lutheran church, the Swedish United Sons of America, and the Royal League.

Charles W. Ericson, one of the leading merchants of Duluth, Minnesota, dates his birth at Montala, Sweden, September 27, 1860. His parents, William and Augusta (Engman) Ericson, emigrated from Sweden, their native land, to America, when Charles W. was a boy, and settled at Duluth, where the father still lives. He was a hardware merchant in Sweden. His wife died in 1905, at the age of seventy-four years. They had a family of seven children, namely: Charles W.; Alfred, deceased; Isador, deceased; Augusta, deceased; Josephine, who is the wife of J. H. Wordby; Enock, deceased; and Victoria Kindergartner. William Ericson has long been a worthy member of the Swedish Lutheran church, as also was his wife.

Charles W. was educated in the public schools of Sweden and Duluth, and began to make his own way in the world at the age of fifteen. From fifteen to seventeen he was variously employed, doing whatever kind of work he could find. At seventeen he became a clerk in the clothing store of M. G. Wills, of Duluth, and was employed in this capacity for a period of eight years, during which time he acquired a thorough knowledge of every detail of the business, and laid the foundation for a prosperous career. In 1886 he bought the store in which he had clerked, No. 219 West Superior street, and of which he has since been proprietor. How well he has succeeded may be shown by the statement that Mr. Ericson is ranked today as one of the prominent business men of Duluth. The store, 140 by 25 feet, is two-story, with basement, and is well stocked with men's and boys' ready-made clothing, hats, caps and shoes, and a full line of gents' furnishing goods. Also Mr. Ericson is interested in mining, being a director and treasurer of the Calumet Mining Company.

October 26, 1886, he married Miss Amelia H. Acker, daughter of Lambert Acker, of Duluth, where she was reared and educated. She is a native of Grand Island, New York. The children born to this union are: Ethel L., August 3, 1887; Edna M., April 18, 1889; Vivia, July 31, 1890; Ruth A., December 23, 1891; and Dorthey, February 7, 1899. At this writing Ethel and Edna are students at the Holyoke College, South Hadley, Massachusetts.

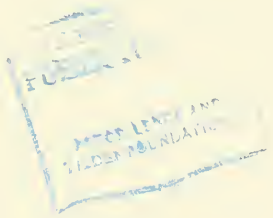
Mr. Ericson is identified with the Y. M. C. A., the City Civil Service, the Modern Samaritans and the English Congregational church, in all of which he is prominent and active. For more than twenty years he has been a director of the Y. M. C. A. He is a member of the board of the City Civil Service and in his church he occupies a place on the board of trustees.

Carl Wilhelm Löfroth.—Noteworthy for his good citizenship and many excellent traits of character, Carl Wilhelm Löfroth is a highly esteemed and valued resident of the city of Duluth, which has been his home the greater part of the time since coming to this country from a foreign shore. He was born, March 9, 1874, in Ofwervetie parish, Wasa län, Finland. His father, Frederick Wilhelm Löfroth, was born, in August, 1819, in the same place, while the birthplace of his mother, who died in 1891, was in Kammers, Finland, occurring there in 1832.

Obtaining the rudiments of his education in the public schools and in a collegiate college, Carl W. Löfroth completed a course in pharmacy at Gamlakarlaby in 1890. He subsequently followed his profession in his native land for five years, and then, emigrating to the United States, followed it in this country for ten years. On November 2, 1905, Mr. Löfroth accepted his present position as assistant emigration agent of the Duluth Steamship and Atlantic Railway Company, and has since served in this capacity with fidelity and efficiency.

On May 7, 1898, Mr. Löfroth was united in marriage with Alma Johnson, and to them five children have been born.

August Hagberg, merchant tailor at 218 West Superior street, Duluth, Minnesota, and state factory inspector, is a native of Wermland, Sweden, born May 12, 1869, son of Nels and Christein Hagberg. He spent his boyhood days on the farm, his father being a farmer, and later served an apprenticeship to the tailor's trade. His parents died in the year 1875. In 1886, at the age of sixteen, he emigrated to America and came to Duluth, where he found employment in the tailoring establishment of John Drew, with whom he remained one year. Afterward he went to school in winter and worked at his trade in summer for four years, until he acquired sufficient education to enable him to teach, and for three winters he taught district school. Then he accepted a position as clerk in the clothing store of Charles Ericson, of Duluth, where he was employed two years. In 1899 and 1900 he served as deputy registrar



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of deeds of St. Louis county, In 1902 he was a candidate for this office on the Democratic ticket, but as the county is strongly Republican he was defeated. However, he had gained recognition for faithful service, and this, together with his other qualifications, gained for him, in 1904, appointment by Governor Johnson to the office of state factory inspector, which office he still fills. In 1902, in partnership with his brother, Carl J., under the firm name of Hagberg Bros., he engaged in the merchant tailoring business at his present location on Superior street. After two years he purchased his brother's interest in the establishment and since 1904 the business has been conducted under his own name. The high-grade and satisfactory work done at this place has drawn to it a select class of patrons from among the best people of the city, and gained for it a reputation for excellent tailoring second to none in Duluth.

Like many prosperous men in this locality, Mr. Hagberg has mining investments. He is president of the Lake Superior & Nevada Development Company, which has mining properties located in the States of Nevada, California and Arizona, which are being developed. This company has over twenty-five hundred stockholders, most of whom are Swedes.

Mr. Hagberg is a member of the Sons of Sweden and the Red Wing Scandinavian Relief Association, being a director of the last named organization, and he has membership in the Baptist church.

January 23, 1892, he married Miss Lottie Stark, daughter of John Stark, a farmer of St. Louis county, and to them have been given six children: Hepzibah C., Brenard L., Archie C. (who died at the age of three years), Julian V., Rhoebie M. and Clara A. The two oldest are students in the Duluth high school.

Nels P. Turnbladh.—One of the well-known Swedish-American citizens of Duluth is Nels P. Turnbladh, who has here gained prestige as a reliable and enterprising business man and who has made advancement through his own abilities and efforts until he is now to be consistently designated as one of the representative business men of the state that has been his home since his boyhood days.

Nels P. Turnbladh, proprietor of the Gopher Shoe Works, in the city of Duluth, was born at Hammarlunda, Skåne, Sweden, on the 26th of January, 1869, and is a son of Peter T. and Mary Turnbladh. He gained his rudimentary education in the schools of his native land, and was seventeen years of age at the time of his immigration to America. Together with four younger brothers and sisters they made their way to Minnesota in the year 1886 to join their father, who had settled there three years previous. The mother died in 1880, when the subject of this sketch was a lad of eleven years, and the father passed the closing years of his life in the city of St. Paul, where he died in 1900. Nels P. early gained experience in connection with the practical responsibilities of life. In the meanwhile he gained a good English education by attending night

school, thus fitting himself in a preliminary way for the winning of independence and definite success through his own efforts. At the age of nineteen years he secured employment in a shoe factory in St. Paul, and during the several years of his connection with this establishment he familiarized himself with all practical details of the business, in connection with which he became an expert shoeman. Upon leaving the factory Mr. Turnbladh accepted a position as clerk in a local shoe store, and later he was made manager of the shoe department of the large retail establishment of J. W. Kerr, of Minneapolis, an incumbency which he retained for five years. When the Palace Clothing Company opened their St. Paul store Mr. Turnbladh became manager of the shoe department of the establishment, and for a period of four years he was the efficient and valued manager of the shoe departments of the three stores conducted by the company—two in Minneapolis and one in St. Paul.

His long and varied experience in manufacturing and retail business gave Mr. Turnbladh confidence to engage in business on his own responsibility, and he gave careful consideration to ways and means and to the selecting of an eligible location before he thus instituted his independent career. In 1903 he took up his residence in the city of Duluth, where he established the Gopher Shoe Works, equipping the same with the well-known Goodyear machinery for the manufacturing and repairing of shoes and thus providing facilities of the best modern type. His business has been emphatically prosperous, owing alike to his able administration and to the excellent service accorded. He now has three places of business—two in Duluth and one in Superior, Wisconsin—and his fair and honorable methods have gained to him and his establishments unqualified popular confidence. He gives employment to a corps of able workmen and assistants and makes a specialty of repair work.

In politics Mr. Turnbladh gives his allegiance to the Republican party, and he and his wife hold membership in the Lutheran church. He is affiliated with the Masonic fraternity, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, the Knights of Pythias, the Modern Woodmen of America and other fraternal and social organizations.

Mr. Turnbladh chose as his wife and helpmeet Miss Emma Dahl, of Minneapolis, and they have two children—Viviene Kathlyn, who was born in January, 1902, and Edwin Theodore, who was born in August, 1905.

August A. Larson.—Bringing to the country of his adoption the habits of honesty, sobriety and thrift characteristic of his Swedish ancestors, August A. Larson has met with marked success as a business man and is now identified with the commercial interests of Duluth, Minnesota, as traveling salesman. He was born March 4, 1866, in Ostersund, Jemtland, Sweden, a son of Peter Larson, a mail carrier, whose death occurred in 1871. His mother was born, in 1832, in Angcomanland, Sweden.

Brought up and educated in his native country, August A. Larson, ever on the lookout for favorable opportunities of advancing his interests, came to the United States in 1888, locating first in Cambridge, Minnesota, where for a year and a half he was employed in a bakery. Having fully mastered the trade of a baker while thus employed, Mr. Larson, in 1891, opened a baker's shop in Duluth, and after managing it awhile sold out at an advantage. He subsequently worked for the Consolidated Milling Company, of Duluth, for the Marshall-Wells Hardware Company, and as inspector for the Duluth Gas and Water Department, retaining the latter position until 1908, when he accepted his present position as traveling salesman for Carlson Brothers, wholesale dealers, of Duluth. In this capacity Mr. Larson is exceedingly prosperous, his business tact and fair dealings winning him an excellent trade.

Mr. Larson married, in 1889, Kristina Larson, who was born, in 1864, in Medelpad, Sweden, and they have a most pleasant and attractive home at Spirit Lake, on the street car line from Duluth. Fraternally Mr. Larson belongs to the Ancient Order of United Workmen and is a member of the Svea Singing Society, of which he was one of the organizers.

CHAPTER XXV.

LEADING CITIZENS OF MINNESOTA.

Representative Swedish-Americans of Mankato, St. Cloud, Brainerd, St. Peter, Cambridge, Blue Earth, Crow Wing, Nicollet, Stearns, Meeker, Sibley, Nobles, Becker, Kandiyohi, Wabasha, Clay, Mille Lacs, Chippewa, Renville, Douglas and Carlton counties, all contribute to the fine array.

Smaller centers of population than those already described in foregoing pages have made noteworthy contributions to the strong Swedish-American element of Minnesota, and played an important part in making its influence what it is. This fine and lasting contribution to the progress of the commonwealth and the Northwest has come from good and stalwart men in all walks of life—business and professional men, financiers, musicians, manufacturers and officials of all grades. That this is no mis-statement or over-statement of the facts, is evident from the personal sketches published in the following pages.

Oscar Anderson, a prominent real estate dealer of Lake City, was born in Atvidaberg, Nygard, Sweden, March 24, 1847. He is a son of A. P. and Mary Anderson, natives of Ostergotland, Sweden, where the former was a painter. They had children as follows: Mina, married A. Berling, a farmer of Pepin county, Wisconsin; Matilda, Mrs. Walberg, of Minneapolis, where her husband is employed in a lumber mill; Emma, died in Sweden; Anna, now in Sweden, her husband, Gustaf Peterson, having died in Sweden; Louise, married C. W. Lundquist, a contractor of Minneapolis; Albin, a farmer in Pepin county, Wisconsin; A. G., a carpenter of Minneapolis; Oscar, of this sketch; and two who are now deceased.

Oscar Anderson was educated in the public schools of his native country, and learned the trade of painter from his father; he came to the United States in 1868, locating first in Red Wing, June 3, and later in the same month removed to Lake City, where he has since resided. He worked three years in various lines, and for another three years conducted a grain elevator, buying and selling. For twenty-four years

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he was engaged in the retail liquor trade, and then embarked in the line of real estate and loans, in which he has met with very good success. He interests himself in public affairs, and has contributed his share toward the improvement of the city. He is alderman and former mayor of the city. In political views he is a Republican, and the family belongs to the Swedish Lutheran church. Besides his real estate interests Mr. Anderson deals in steamship tickets and other things of the same nature.

Mr. Anderson married, in 1871, Pauline Matea Olson, and their children are: Mary Sophia, married Victor Sundberg, a druggist of St. Paul; Charles, died at the age of seventeen, and Pauline W., now at home.

John Henry Peterson.—The substantial and well-to-do-citizens of St. Peter have no more worthy representative than John Harvey Peterson, who, as a dealer in music and musical instruments, is actively identified with the mercantile interests of the city. A son of Swan Peter Peterson, he was born, April 13, 1874, in Brule, Union county, South Dakota, and was among the first, if not the very first, white child born in that county.

Swan Peter Peterson, and his wife, whose maiden name was Augusta Carlson, were both born in Östergötland, Sweden, his birth occurring July 19, 1839, and hers August 16, 1845. Socially both were of a higher rank than the peasantry, his father having been superintendent of a large landed estate, while her father, Mr. Carl Carlson, was bookkeeper for the owner of that same estate. Having obtained an excellent education when young, Swan P. Peterson went to Stockholm, where he remained until 1869, when he migrated to this country. Locating first in Chicago, he entered the employ of a contractor, and helped build the Court House, and assisted in laying out Lincoln Park. Losing his position, and all of his worldly goods, in the memorable conflagration of October, 1871, he went to Kansas City, and soon after his arrival secured employment in running a mule team between that city and Topeka. Having saved a sufficient sum of money, Mr. Peterson bought a pair of horses and a wagon, drove to Union county, South Dakota, which had just been opened up, and there pre-empted a tract of land, being one of the first settlers in that county. Immediately beginning the improvement of his claim, he engaged in general farming, and still resides on the homestead which he improved from its original wildness, although since 1898 he has lived retired from active labor. Nine children were born to him and his wife, namely: John Henry, the special subject of this brief sketch; Carl William, engaged in agricultural pursuits in Union county, South Dakota; Hannah Mathilda, deceased; Aleda Augusta; Gustavus Adolphus, managing the homestead property, in Union county; Tekla Cecelia, wife of Albert Umdahl, a farmer, in Union county; Martin, who died, in 1908, aged eighteen years; Hannah Marie, at home; and Esther Mathilda, at home. Politically Mr. Swan Peterson is a stanch Republican, and religiously he is a valued member of the Swedish

Lutheran church, of which he has been a deacon for twenty-two years. Although never an office seeker, he has been prominent in public affairs, and held various township offices.

Brought up on the home farm, John Henry Peterson was educated in the public schools of South Dakota, and at Gustavus Adolphus College, in St. Peter, Minnesota, from which he was graduated in 1899. He subsequently took a one year's post-graduate course at the University of Minnesota, after which he taught school until 1908, being employed as a teacher at Lafayette and at Parker Prairie, Minnesota. Resigning from his profession in 1908, Mr. Peterson opened his present store in St. Peter, and as a dealer in music and musical instruments is meeting with encouraging success, having in this comparatively short time already established an excellent business.

On June 8, 1902, Mr. Peterson married Esther Carlson, daughter of Peter Carlson, a farmer in Carver county, Minnesota, and into their pleasant home two children have been born, namely: Esther Vivian Hildegarde, and Ralph Henry Martin. In politics Mr. Peterson is independent in his views, and has filled minor town offices. Religiously he is a member of the Swedish Lutheran church.

John A. Hedberg.—As senior member of the firm of Hedberg & Eckman, furniture dealers and undertakers, John A. Hedberg is actively identified with the advancement of the mercantile interests of Dassel, and is contributing his part in maintaining the reputation of his Swedish countrymen as able and progressive business men. A native of Minnesota, he was born, November 25, 1875, in Wright county, a son of John Hedberg.

Born and brought up in Vermland, Sweden, John Herberg, ambitious to take advantage of every opportunity for improving his material condition, emigrated to the United States in 1868, following the example of so many of his neighbors and friends who had previously crossed the ocean in their efforts to find a favorable location for themselves and their families. Buying a tract of land in Wright county, this state, he cleared and improved a homestead, and was there successfully employed in tilling the soil until 1905, when he retired from the activities of labor, and has since lived in Dassel, an esteemed and respected citizen. He married Mary Pehrson, who was born in Vermland, Sweden, in 1833, three years earlier than he was, his birth having occurred April 3, 1836. She died on the home farm, in Wright county, in September, 1895. Seven children were born to them, as follows: Christina, widow of the late Herman Kohlman; Emma; Alfred, a furniture dealer in Cokato, Minnesota; John A., the subject of this brief sketch; Albert L., engaged in the clothing business in Minneapolis; Peter; and Caroline, deceased, who married Emil H. Eck.

Brought up on the homestead, John A. Hedburg received the advantages of a good public school education in his native county. Going

then to Minneapolis, he was there employed as a clerk for a number of years, after which he spent seven years in Montana, living in different places, and being variously employed. Locating in Dassel in 1905, Mr. Hedberg, forming a partnership with Emil Eckman, opened his present furniture and undertaking establishment, and under the firm name of Hedberg & Eckman has since carried on a substantial business.

Mr. Hedberg married, November 28, 1901, Nina Briggs, daughter of Oscar Briggs, a retired miller, and they are the parents of four children, namely: Albert, Clarence, Catherine, and Alvin Milton. Politically Mr. Hedberg is identified with the Republican party, invariably supporting its principles by voice and vote. Fraternally he is a member of the Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, and of the Modern Woodmen of America.

Joseph Olson.—A young man of energy, push and enterprise, Joseph Olson is carrying on a substantial mercantile business in Dassel, Meeker county, being in partnership with his father, Andrew Olson. Born of Swedish parents, his birth occurred, August 16, 1877, on the parental homestead, about seven miles from the village of Dassel.

Andrew Olson was born, November 28, 1837, in Vermland, Sweden, and was there reared and educated. During his earlier life he was employed in tilling the soil in his native land, living there for some time after his marriage. Emigrating to America in 1869, he located in Meeker county, Minnesota, and from the tract of wild land that he took up in Kingston township cleared and improved a valuable homestead, on which he resided until the spring of 1910, when he moved to Dassel. He married Maria Kajsa Anderson, and to them eight children have been born, namely: Rev. Andrew Gustaf, a minister at Elbow Lake, Minnesota; Marie, wife of A. G. Freeman, a farmer; Ida, living in North Dakota; Alfred, engaged in agricultural pursuits; Charles, a traveling salesman; Joseph, the subject of this sketch; Mary, wife of A. G. Krans, a traveling salesman; and Esther, living at home.

After leaving the public schools, Joseph Olson took up two years of high school work at the Litchfield High School, and in 1898 entered the commercial department of the Gustavus Adolphus College, in St. Peter, from which he was graduated in 1900. Coming then to Dassel, he has since been here engaged in business as a general merchant, in partnership with his father, and has here built up an extensive and profitable trade, his stock including articles most in demand in general trade.

Mr. Olson married, June 10, 1903, Ida Sangren, daughter of John Sangren, of Lake Park, Minnesota, and they have four children, namely: Viola Marion, Edith Irene, Carl Vernon, and Alfred Sanford, the two latter named being twins. Politically Mr. Olson is an independent Republican, voting for the best men and measures; religiously he is a member of the Swedish Lutheran church.

Eric Hagelin.—Conspicuous among the prosperous business men of Dassel is Eric Hagelin, who has operated a flour mill in this place for the last quarter of a century, and through his sound judgment and wise investments has accumulated considerable property. He is an excellent representative of the Swedish pioneers of Minnesota, and true type of the energetic, hardy and enterprising men who have so largely assisted in developing the industrial resources of the state. A son of Nils Fredrik and Mary Hagelin, he was born, January 24, 1849, in Dahlsland, Froskog socken, Sweden, where he spent his earlier years.

Nils F. Hagelin, a native of Froskog socken, Sweden, was a blacksmith by trade, and spent his entire life in his native land, dying in 1874, leaving a widow with five children, as follows: Carl Wilhelm, a blacksmith in Minneapolis; Eric, the special subject of this sketch; Christopher, who is following the trade of a blacksmith in Michigan; Tilma, widow of Axel Johnson; Seiman, engaged in mining in Mexico. Emigrating with her family to America, Mrs. Hagelin lived first in Marquette county, Michigan, from there moving in 1890 to Minneapolis, where she spent her remaining years, passing away in 1893.

Bred and educated in his native land, Eric Hagelin was not at all content to there follow in the footsteps of his ancestors, but with the broader views engendered by contact with those who had visited America, he early determined to try his luck in this land of promise, and in 1869 emigrated to the United States. Settling first in Paxton, Illinois, he there resided for three months, following farming, and learning the blacksmith's trade. Going from there to Muskegon, Michigan, he worked in a sawmill six months, after which he was for five years engaged in mining in Marquette, Michigan. Locating then in Minneapolis, Minnesota, he worked as a millwright in that city two years. In 1884 Mr. Hagelin, in partnership with A. F. Johnson, opened a foundry and machine shop in Dassel, Meeker county, where he has since resided. The following year Mr. Hagelin built a flour mill, which he has operated continuously ever since, in its management having met with eminent success. He has also interests of financial importance and value, being a stockholder in the Citizens' Bank, and the owner of a tract of good farming land in Canada.

Mr. Hagelin married, in 1895, Mrs. Mary (Larson) Linquist, widow of Andrew Linquist, late of Dassel, and mother of Oscar E. Linquist, whose sketch may be found on another page of this work, and they have one child, Lawrence Waldemar Hagelin. In his political affiliations Mr. Hagelin is a stanch Republican, and has taken an active part in public affairs, having served as president of the village in 1892, and as village trustee several terms.

Alfred C. Peterson, M. D.—Numbered among the prosperous physicians of Meeker county, Dr. Alfred C. Peterson is meeting with noteworthy success in the practice of his profession in the village of Dassel, where he has been located for more than four years. Coming on both

sides of the house from thrifty Swedish ancestry, he was born in Wright county, Minnesota, February 4, 1875, a son of Carl G. Peterson.

A native of Sweden, Carl G. Peterson was born in Småland, Kalmar Län, in 1825, and was there brought up and educated. He was subsequently employed as a coachman in Östergötland, for many years, residing there until 1869, when he emigrated to this country. Settling first in Woodhull, Illinois, he there worked for two years in a factory. Coming to Minnesota in 1871, he invested his money in land, buying a farm in Wright county, and was there prosperously engaged in agricultural pursuits until his death, in 1903. He was a firm supporter of the principles of the Republican party, and an active member of the Swedish Lutheran church, serving as deacon and trustee a large part of his life. He married Josephine M. Dahlstrom, who was born in Kalmar län, Sweden, in 1838, and is still living. To them six children were born, namely: Gust. O., a druggist in Dassel, Minnesota; Josephine; Alfred C., the subject of this brief sketch; John F., of Dassel, a machinist; George, a practicing physician in Dassel, Minnesota; and Edward E., engaged in farming in Wright county, Minnesota.

Receiving his elementary education in the public schools of Wright county, Alfred C. Peterson was subsequently employed for some time in a drug store, while there obtaining some knowledge of the properties and values of medicinal herbs. In 1894 he entered the Minneapolis School of Pharmacy, and in 1899 was made a registered pharmacist. Turning then his attention to the study of medicine, he entered the College of Physicians and Surgeons in Minneapolis, but on account of ill health did not receive his diploma until 1904, when he was graduated with the degree of M. D. Locating in Shevlin, Minnesota, Dr. Peterson began the practice of his profession, at the same time running a drug store. He subsequently spent a few months in Murdock, Minnesota, from there coming, in February, 1905, to Dassel, where he has since remained. Here, in the exercise of his profession, the doctor is meeting with flattering results, having gained an excellent reputation for skill, and won an extensive and remunerative patronage.

Dr. Peterson married, July 9, 1905, Cary M. Gordhamer, daughter of J. H. Gordhamer, one of the leading merchants of Kerkhoven, Minnesota, and they have one child, Blanche Sylvia. Politically the doctor is an independent Republican; religiously he is a member, and a trustee, of the Swedish Lutheran church; and socially he is a member of the County and of the State Medical Associations. He is also examiner for numerous insurance companies.

Ole Nystrom.—Many of the most enterprising and progressive business men of Meeker county were born in countries beyond the sea, and have brought to the new world the habits of industry, prudence and economy that command success, and noteworthy among this number is Ole Nystrom, a well-known shoe dealer in Dassel. A son of Nels Nyman, he

was born, December 10, 1861, in Vermland, Sweden, where he grew to man's estate.

Nels Nyman lived in Vermland, Sweden, his native place, until past middle age, following the trade of a shoemaker. In 1895 he emigrated to Minnesota, whither some of his children had preceded him, and for three years resided in Annandale, Wright county. Since 1898 he has made his home in Dassel, living here happy and contented in being near his children. His wife, whose maiden name was Mary Johnson, was born and bred in Wermland, Sweden. To them six children were born, as follows: Cary, wife of Ole Nyberg, a farmer in Fairhaven, Minnesota; Mary, wife of John Norberg, of Princeton, Minnesota, a dealer in hardware; Christina, wife of Olof Anderson, a banker in Dassel; Hannah, living in Minneapolis; Gerda, wife of N. E. Heglund, of Minneapolis, a conductor on the street railway; and Ole, the special subject of this brief biographical sketch.

Having completed the course of study in the public schools of his native län, Ole Nystrom learned the trade of a shoemaker, which he followed in Sweden until he had accumulated enough money to pay his way to America. Coming to Minnesota, in 1890, he followed farming in Dassel for twelve years, after which he was employed from 1902 until 1906 in the general store of Palmerston & Olson. Becoming familiar with the details of mercantile management, Mr. Nystrom then opened a retail shoe establishment in Dassel, and has since built up a substantial business, his success being entirely due to his own persevering efforts. He is an earnest supporter of the principles of the Republican party, and is a consistent member of the Mission Friends' church. November 25, 1906, he was married to Miss Ida Johnson, daughter of Swan Johnson, of Dassel. Mrs. Nystrom was born in Meeker county, Minnesotá, October 18, 1875.

Gustaf A. Ahlstrom.—Since his return from Sweden, in 1909, Gustaf A. Ahlstrom has resided with his family on the old parental homestead at Dassel, Meeker county, and is now chiefly engaged in formulating his plans for the exploitation and manufacture of a number of valuable patents which he purchased in his native country. He has organized a company known as the Delta Manufacturing Company (Incorporated), capital $100,000, headquarters Minneapolis, with the following officers: Fred S. Pew, president; G. A. Ahlstrom, secretary and treasurer. As he is a man of substantial education and broad business experience (obtained principally in St. Paul) he is thoroughly prepared to conduct all his interests to success.

Mr. Ahlstrom is a native of Korsberga parish, Småland, born January 21, 1869, and is a son of Jacob and Johanna (Jonsson) Ahlstrom. His father was born in 1840 and was a farmer in that parish until 1881, when he emigrated to the United States and settled on a farm near St. Peter. Eight years afterward he sold that property and settled on his farm

at Dassel, where he died in the latter part of 1908. The widow, born in 1838, is living with her son, Gustaf A., upon the homestead at that point. She is also the mother of a daughter, Mathilda, who is the wife of Albert Johnson, a farmer of Gwinner, North Dakota.

At the age of ten years, Gustaf A. Ahlstrom came to America alone, for four years living with his uncle, S. J. Turner, a farmer of Goodhue county, Minnesota. Then (in 1883) he commenced to work for neighboring farmers as an independent hand, being thus engaged for some five years. By persistent work and economy he had saved enough, in 1888, to keep him in the business department of Gustavus Adolphus College for a year and to enable him to graduate therefrom in 1889. After his graduation he obtained a position with the county treasurer, at St. Paul, under whom (A. N. Nelson was then in office) he worked for two years. He then became bookkeeper at the Scandinavian-American Bank of St. Paul, combining with the duties of that position those of assistant teller. Nine and a half years thus passed, when, in the spring of 1900, he formed a partnership with August Blomberg in the insurance and real estate business, the former covering fire, life and accident risks. In the spring of 1903 Mr. Ahlstrom sold his interest to his partner, went to Duluth and for four years was engaged in newspaper work. In the spring of 1908 he went with his family to Sweden and returned to the United States in the fall of 1909.

In 1904 Mr. Ahlstrom married Miss Naomi Sandell, who was born in 1874 and is a daughter of Rev. Michael Sandell, of Strömsund, Sweden. The two children of Mr. and Mrs. Ahlstrom are: Holger Michael, born November 18, 1904, and Yngve Valdemar, born September 1, 1906.

K. Arvid Södergren, who resides near Dassel, Meeker county, is doing a good work among the Finnish population in this country, especially in Minnesota and Michigan, by teaching them the English language and other branches necessary to the attainment of intelligent citizenship. This he is accomplishing through the operation of a correspondence school which he established several years ago and which has reached the position of a substantial and flourishing institution. Its founder and conductor was born in Joensuu, Finland, on the 1st of November, 1873, and after attending the public schools of his native parish, where he was taught both Swedish and Finnish, he pursued a course in natural sciences in the University at Helsinfors, the capital of Finland. After graduating in 1897, Mr. Södergren emigrated to the United States, first locating at Calumet, Michigan, and entered the employ of his brother, a manufacturing and wholesale druggist, who soon afterwards established his business in Minneapolis, where the former followed him, but after a few years moved to Duluth, Minnesota, where he was employed in several of the county offices. In 1905 he resigned in order that he might push his enterprise of a correspondence school among his countrymen. Many Finnish immigrants have realized their deficiencies in the English language and the

branches characteristic of American education, but are unable to attend any of the schools of their adopted country. It was to this ambitious and intelligent element that Mr. Södergren brought the desired knowledge and training, and the growth of his enterprise indicates that his efforts and his talents as a teacher have been appreciated. Mr. Södergren is married, but has no children. At present he resides on his farm near Dassel, from which he conducts the operations of his correspondence school.

Oscar E. Linquist.—The subject of this sketch was born on a farm near Dassel, Meeker county, Minnesota, on the 6th day of April, 1874, and has always resided in that village. His parents, Andrew and Mary Linquist, were among the early settlers of the county.

He received his education in the public schools and on March 3, 1897, was appointed postmaster of Dassel, Minnesota, taking charge of the office April 1, 1897, which was then of the fourth class; it is now an office of the third class and has five rural routes. Mr. Linquist gives his personal attention to the duties of the position and his services have been so satisfactory to the department and the public that he has served continuously since the year of his appointment.

Married November 8, 1899, to Miss Alice E. Ellstrom, of Duluth, Minnesota, and they have one child, Lenore Lucile, born June 4, 1903. He has two brothers residing in Minneapolis, Minnesota: William A., who is northwestern manager for the M. Schulz Piano Company, and Charles S., a traveling salesman for Wyman, Partridge & Company; a sister, Minnie B., employed in the Dassel postoffice, and a half-brother, Lawrence W. Hagelin, a promising youth, now attending the public schools.

Mr. Linquist takes great interest in local progress and heartily endorses the enterprises that benefit the general public. Since 1898 he has been secretary of the Dassel Fair Association, which holds an annual fair on the third Friday and Saturday in October of each year, and it is known throughout the Northwest as a remarkably successful fair. Fraternally he is a member of Griswold Lodge, No. 218, A. F. & A. M., and Willmar Lodge, No. 952, B. P. O. Elks.

Peter A. Erickson, who is the proprietor of the only greenhouse in Brainerd, and an enterprising and wide-awake business man, was born in Opsala län, Sweden, August 28, 1859. He is a son of Eric and Anna Person, who lived and died on their home farm in Sweden. A list of their children is given in connection with the biographical sketch of Carl A. Erickson, of Brainerd, found elsewhere in this work. After receiving his education in the public schools of his native land, Peter A. Erickson then learned the trade of carpenter, which he followed until he came to the United States, in 1881. He spent four months in Menekaunee, Wisconsin, and then went to Forest Lake, where he worked one winter in

the woods. He spent the following year in Rock Island, Illinois, and came to Brainerd in 1883. His first occupation in this city was working in a sawmill, where he spent two years, and for twelve years worked in the shops of the Northern Pacific Railway. He then joined his brother, Carl A. Erickson, in contracting and building, and in 1908 went into business on his own account as florist. He has met with success and has a growing trade.

In 1886 Mr. Erickson married Anna Matilda Larson, and they have two children: Robert, a carpenter, living at home; and Anna Alfreda, who died at the age of eight years. Mr. Erickson is a member of the Swedish Lutheran church. In politics he is a Republican.

Professor Per Victor Malm, proprietor of the Brainerd Business College, was born in Småland, Sweden, October 7, 1867, and is the son of Peter F. and Susanna Malm. His father was a native of Ostergötland and his mother was born in Kalmer län. They came to the United States in 1869, and located on a homestead near St. James, Minnesota; they carried on the farm until 1903 and then removed to Zimmerman, Minnesota. The mother died in 1905. Their children were: Carl F., a prominent merchant at Bowman, North Dakota. Harman S., a farmer living near Brown's Valley, Minnesota; Per Victor, of this sketch; Otto A., of Fargo, North Dakota, working for the Northwest Thresher Company; Edward C., of Minot, North Dakota, working for the Avery Thresher Company; Helma O., married Ole Young, of Minneapolis; Ada J., married C. J. Johnson, a farmer of Sherburne county, Minnesota; Selma H., married D. P. Cheney, a merchant of Los Angeles; Clara S., deceased, the wife of M. J. Golden, assistant general freight agent of the Chicago, & North-Western Railway Company; Anna M., married Wm. Keitel, a merchant in New York City; Ellen L., married William T. O'Brien, an engineer on the Great Northern Railway, living at Minot, North Dakota.

Per Victor Malm received his early education in the public schools and later entered Dixon College, Dixon, Illinois, where he pursued a scientific course, and a business course at the Dixon Business College; he also studied law at the University of Minnesota. He entered the profession of teaching with marked success. Having taught a number of years in two of the leading business colleges in Minneapolis, he removed to Crookston, Minnesota, where he organized a school and conducted the same for five years. After disposing of his interest in the Crookston College he returned to Minneapolis, where he accepted a position with the Minnesota College, being the first instructor at the institution, at which he remained for three years. He left the Minnesota College to accept the principalship of the high school at Arlington, Minnesota, and from Arlington he was called as supervisor of the commercial work in the public schools at Stillwater, Minnesota, and then located at Brainerd, Minnesota, where he purchased the Brainerd Business College. Professor

Malm has one of the best equipped institutions of its kind in Minnesota, and offers advantages afforded by no other commercial school. During the brief time Professor Malm has been in Brainerd he has made his influence felt in the whole community, and has established a school that has raised the standard of commercial education in the Northwest.

Rev. Oscar Severin Jacobson, pastor of the Swedish Baptist church at Brainerd, Minnesota, was born September 2, 1875, and is a son of Karl and Karolina Jacobson, who now keep a grocery store in Skåne, Sweden. They were the parents of twelve children, of whom the following six survive: Sigfrid Victorinus, a baggageman on a passenger train, in Sweden; Bayert Winfrid, a merchant of Malmo, Sweden; Jacob Jeremiah, who has a hotel in Sweden; Dahn Wilhelm, living at home; Ossian Dagerbart, a merchant, living in Sweden; and Oscar Severin.

Rev. Mr. Jacobson was educated in the public schools of his native country, and learned the trade of painter. In 1893 he came to the United States and for about seven years followed his trade in Brooklyn. During this time he took a short course in the Christian Alliance Training School of New York City. In October, 1899, he removed to Morgan Park, Chicago, and entered the Swedish Baptist Seminary. For two years he was located at Bailey, Michigan, from there going to DeKalb, Illinois, and since 1907 he has been located at Brainerd. He is a man of influence and good standing in the community and enjoys the esteem and respect of the community. In his political views he is a Prohibitionist, and he espouses the cause of every movement for the upbuilding and growth of the city.

December 18, 1903, Reverend Jacobson married Alfreda Palm, of Skåne, Sweden, and they have three children, Bayert Palmér, Esther Caroline, and Evelyn Teresia.

Otto F. Johnson, M. D.—Devoted to the practice of his profession, of which he has an excellent knowledge, Dr. Otto F. Johnson well deserves the reputation he enjoys of being one of the most skillful and faithful physicians of Winthrop, Sibley county. A native of Sweden, he was born, April 5, 1875, in Småland, which was likewise the birthplace of his father, A. M. Johnson.

Emigrating with his family to the United States in 1881, A. M. Johnson lived for a year at Granite Falls, Minnesota, from there removing to St. Paul, where he still resides. A good mechanic, he followed the carpenter's trade throughout his active career, but since 1902 has lived retired, enjoying to the utmost the fruits of his many years of toil. He married Christine Solomonson, who was born in Småland, Sweden, and they have reared three children, namely: John, engaged in butchering in St. Paul; Amanda, wife of Frank Peterson, commissioner of the First, Second, and Third wards, St. Paul; and Otto F., the special subject of this sketch.

But six years old when he came with his parents to Minnesota, Otto F. Johnson received his elementary education in the public schools of St. Paul, supplementing it by an attendance at private and evening schools. Subsequently entering Hamline University, he was graduated from the Medical Department with the class of 1902, after which he spent a year as an interne at Bethesda Hospital, where he gained both knowledge and experience. Locating immediately afterwards in Winthrop, Dr. Johnson has here built up a fine practice, his professional skill and abilty being recognized and well appreciated. Religiously the Doctor is a member of the Swedish Lutheran church, and politically he is independent, voting with the courage of his convictions for the best men and measures. He belongs to two of the leading medical societies, the Camp Release, and the Minnesota State Medical Society.

Dr. Johnson married, June 9, 1909, Miss Selma Elizabeth Thorson, daughter of T. Thorson, former and for the past ten years a commissioner of Sibley county, Minnesota.

William E. Erickson, of the firm of Bredenberg & Erickson, an enterprising firm of grocers of Brainerd, was born in Soudermanland, Sweden, October 16, 1865. His father, Nels Erickson, was born in Wvingökr socken, Soudermanland län, Sweden, August 27, 1832, attended the public school until ten years of age, and then at the age of eleven went to sea as a cabin boy on a boat bound for China. He followed this occupation until 1853, sailing in vessels from Sweden, Prussia, Hamburg and England. In 1853 he landed in Boston from Valparaiso, and for some years sailed out of Boston, Baltimore and San Francisco. In 1859 he followed the lead of many others and went to the gold mining district in Mariposa county, California, where he remained until the spring of 1864. He returned to Sweden, intending to come back to the United States the same year, but was married and changed his plans. He lived in Sweden until 1869, during this time sailing on the lakes, and in that year again came to the United States; he located first in Lockport, Illinois, engaged at various employment, principally as hardware clerk. He removed to Oxford, Mississippi, where he operated a cotton plantation on shares for one Colonel LeMar. However, as the climate of that state was not agreeing with him, he removed to Rush City, Minnesota, and engaged in street and road building. He took a homestead and followed farming until 1904, when he retired and moved to Brainerd, where he now resides. He was married, in 1864, to Clara Matilda Larson, a native of Hof socken, Ostergötland, Sweden, and their children were: Emma, married Edward Peterson, deceased; Albert, of Brainerd; Kate, married Karl S. Bredenberg, who is mentioned elsewhere in this book; Cecilia, married Robert McKay, of Rush City; Oscar, a clerk, residing in Brainerd; William E.; and Gustof, died at the age of eleven years.

William E. Erickson was educated in the public schools of Rush City, and then followed the occupation of clerk, which he continued for a

number of years, until February, 1897, at which time he took an interest in the grocery business on his own account, in partnership with Karl S. Bredenberg. They have a flourishing business and one that is constantly increasing.

Mr. Erickson carries stock to the amount of thirty-five hundred dollars in groceries. He is a member of the Congregational church and a Republican, and is a member of the Brainerd board of education. Mr. Erickson married Mary J. Herring, of Rush City, in 1894, and they became parents of three children, namely: Evelyn, Stella and Roy, all residing at home.

Rev. Carl Victor Sigfrid Engstrom, recently pastor of the Swedish Mission church at Brainerd, was born at Jorn, Westerbotten, Sweden, August 7, 1879. He is a son of C. V. F. and Amalia Augusta (Rosendorf) Engstrom, the former a native of Gotland and the latter of Stockholm. The father was at various times a merchant and cabinetmaker, and is now in the employ of the Swedish government. His children are: Signhild, married Reverend Lans, of Upland, Sweden; Sigrid, of Chicago; and Carl V. S.

Carl V. S. Engstrom attended the public school of his native town, and at the age of seventeen began working in a grocery, remaining in this business six and one-half years. During the time he was working he was still continuing his studies, having an ambition to advance himself as much as possible. He came to the United States in 1903, and for the first three months worked in a cemetery in Chicago. In 1906 he graduated from the seminary of the North Park College; during this time he had two Chicago congregations, and during the second summer had one in Seattle. After graduating he had charge one summer of the Tabernacle of Chicago. He spent one year in Lamson, Minnesota, and since 1907 for two years was pastor of the Mission church in Brainerd, where he did good work and was universally liked. He received a call from the Swedish Mission church of West Duluth and began his pastorate there October 1, 1909. Reverend Engstrom married, November 28, 1907, Mary Nyquist, of Lamson. In political views he is a Republican.

Karl Samuel Bredenberg, of the grocery firm of Bredenberg & Erickson, was born in Wermland, Sweden, October 27, 1869. He is a son of P. E. and Sophia Bredenberg, the former born in Dalarne and the latter in Wermland, Sweden. P. E. Bredenberg followed the trade of ironworking. Of his eleven children six survive, namely: Louisa, married Otto Gafvert, of Sweden; Anna, married Nils Hagberg, of Sweden; Gustof, a rolling mill employe; Karl S.; Esther, married Mr. Sjoquist, of Sweden; and Emma, married C. F. Lundblad, of Seattle.

Karl S. Bredenberg attended the public schools of his native country, and later was employed in a rolling mill. In 1888 he emigrated

to the United States, proceeding to Minnesota, where for about a year he worked on a farm. He removed to Minneapolis and there for five years worked in a paper mill. He then went with the paper mill company to Little Falls, Minnesota, where he remained for three years and then came to Brainerd and here engaged in the grocery business with J. A. Hogberg and Johanna Kronberg as partners, under the firm name of Bredenberg, Hogberg & Company. A year later they were succeeded by Bredenberg & Hogberg, and a year from that time, in 1897, the name became Bredenberg & Erickson, William E. Erickson becoming his partner, and this firm still does business. They have a good business and take care to retain their customers by giving them the worth of their money in first-class goods.

Mr. Bredenberg is a member and secretary of the Swedish Mission church, is past chief ranger of the Independent Order of Foresters and assistant astronomer of the North Star order. In political matters he is not confined to the mandates of any party, but is independent. Mr. Bredenberg married, December 22, 1892, Kate Erickson, and their four children are: Bessie, Melville, Myrtle and Lester.

Ole Benson, of Peterson & Benson, doing a flourishing business in Brainerd, was born in Småland, Sweden, October 6, 1873, and is a son of Bengt and Penella Benson. They were natives of Småland, where they lived and died; the father was a blacksmith. Their children, besides Ole Benson, were: Nils, a farmer in Crow Wing county, Minnesota; Per, a farmer of Sweden; Bengta, married John Rosencrantz, a blacksmith of Sweden; Christina, married Nils Nelson, of Sweden; Swan, a blacksmith, living in Sweden; Ingrid, residing in Sweden; and three children deceased, making ten altogether.

Ole Benson received his education in the public schools of his native country, and in 1893 came to the United States; he located in Brainerd, and worked on a farm one year. He was then employed in various capacities in the woods, sawmills and shops, thus occupying himself until 1902, and in that year engaged in business in company with Charles Peterson, further mention of whom is made in another portion of this work. They have a first-class livery stable, and are both industrious and enterprising. Mr. Benson is independent in politics, a member of the Swedish Sons of America, Independent Order of Good Templars, and also belongs to the Swedish-American Singing Society. He married Hannah Nelson, of Småland, Sweden, July 6, 1906, and they have one child, Elvia Marguerite.

Reverend Hugo Thorene, pastor of the Swedish Lutheran church at Brainerd, Minnesota, was born August 28, 1876, in Småland, Sweden, and is a son of Nels Peter and Christina (Anderson) Thorene. His father was a model and wagon maker, having a shop near Vexiö for

some years; he also operated a dairy sixteen years. He emigrated to the United States and located at Stillwater, Minnesota, where he worked at carpentering until his death, February 3, 1908, at the age of sixty-eight years. The mother, who was born March 6, 1839, resides with her son Hugo. Of their ten children, seven are living, namely: Joe, a painter and decorator and farmer, of Stillwater, Minnesota; Nellie, married Theodore Van Tassel, a blacksmith and farmer of Stillwater; Tore, a farmer and poultry raiser of Stillwater; Hugo; Mary, married F. N. Nood, a millwright, of Ashland; John, a painter and decorator, of Brainerd, and Wendell, a machinist, of Brainerd.

Hugo Thorene came to the United States in 1885, and received his primary education in the public schools of Stillwater, Minnesota. In 1893 he went to Chicago and attended Martin Luther College one year; he worked until 1896 and went to St. Peter, Minnesota, where he entered Gustavus Adolphus College, where he graduated in 1903. The same year he entered the theological seminary of Augustana College at Rock Island, Illinois, and graduated in 1906, being ordained in ministry June 17, of that year, at Denver, Colorado. His first charge was at North Easton, Massachusetts, where he remained one year and eight months. His health failed, and for a short time he had charge of the parish comprising Mount Vernon, New Rochelle and Port Chester, New York. He settled in Brainerd, Minnesota, August 1, 1908, and has won the regard and esteem of all within his pastorate. In political views he is an Independent Republican. He is unmarried.

Carl A. Erickson, an enterprising and successful contractor of Brainerd, was born in Upsala Län, Sweden, March 10, 1869, and is a son of Eric and Maria Peterson, who lived and died on a farm in Sweden. Their children were: August, deceased; Peter A., of whom further mention is made elsewhere in this work; John Gustaf, a farmer, residing in Sweden; Maria Gustafva, married John G. Anderson, a farmer of Sweden; and Carl A.

Carl A. Erickson was educated in the public schools of his native country, and learned the trade of carpenter. He emigrated to the United States in 1890 in search of wider opportunities in the line of his trade, and located in Brainerd, which has since been his home. By his careful attention to details, and the conscientious manner in which he has carried out the contracts entrusted to him, he has built up a flourishing business, and has contributed a good share towards the improvement of the city. He is a Republican in his political views, and takes an active interest in public affairs and welfare. He belongs to the Swedish Lutheran church.

Mr. Erickson married Hulda Matilda Erickson, of Vermland, Sweden, in 1900; she died in 1901, and in 1905 he married Emma Lovisa Hollstrand, of Upsala Län, Sweden. Their children are Edith Maria and Carl Hilding.

Swan Johnson, of the firm of Johnson Brothers, bakers, was born at Hallary socken, Kronebergs Län, Sweden, October 9, 1870. He is a son of John and Anna Anderson, who lived and died on a farm in Sweden. Of their seven children four survive, namely: Bessie, who married Ole Sandberg, a farmer of Pierce county, Wisconsin; John; Nels and Swan.

When nineteen years old Swan Johnson came to the United States. He had received his education in his native country and, locating in Pierce county, Wisconsin, he followed farming there for seven or eight years. He worked for a time on railroads and then started a bakery at River Falls, Wisconsin, with his brother Nels as partner. Three years later they removed to Tracy and conducted a bakery and restaurant there for a year and one-half, and took into partnership their brother John, retaining the name of Johnson Brothers. They removed to Brainerd in 1905. They are experts in their line and have a large trade. Swan Johnson is unmarried; he is a member of the Knights of Pythias, Mystic Shrine, North Star and Swedish United Sons of America. Nels married Rosella Anderson, of Brainerd; he is a member of the Knighted Order Tented Maccabees, North Star and Swedish United Sons of America. John married Ida Eckdahl, of Christianstad; he is a member of the Royal Arcanum. All three brothers are independent in politics, and members of the Swedish Lutheran church. They are public-spirted, useful citzens, and highly respected.

Charles Peterson, of the firm of Peterson & Benson, proprietors of a livery stable at Brainerd, was born at Skåne, Sweden, November 23, 1873. He is a son of Per and Lucia Persson, both natives of Skåne, where the father followed his trade of tailor until his death in 1891. After his decease the mother came to the United States. Their children are: Peter, in California; Kate, who married Nils Benson, a gardener of Brainerd, Minnesota; John, a farmer in Cass county, Minnesota; Swan, a gardener, of Brainerd; Ole, a butcher, in Cass county; Charles; Tillie, who married A. E. Carlson, a carpenter, of Pocatello, Idaho, and Bror Berndt, who died when a year and a half old, in Sweden.

Charles Peterson attended the public schools of his native town, and worked as a gardener for five years in Sweden. He came to the United States in 1893, locating in Brainerd, where he worked as a butcher two years, in the employ of his brother. For five years he was employed in the sawmill of the Brainerd Lumber Mill Company, and then conducted a butcher shop on his own account, two years, in East Brainerd. Mr. Peterson then formed a partnership with his brother Ole, in the livery business, and six months later the latter's interest was purchased by Ole Benson. The name was then changed to Peterson & Benson. Both members of the firm are enterprising and ambitious, and try to meet the requirements of their patrons, in the best possible manner. Mr. Peterson is single. In political views he favors the principles of the Prohibition

party. He is a member of the I. O. G. T., Nordstjernan, the Swedish United Sons of America, and the Woodmen of the World.

August Hallquist, a well-to-do grocer of Brainerd, was born in Halland, Sweden, November 29, 1859, and is a son of Johannes and Annie (Person) Larson, both natives also of Halland, where they still reside. The father was a carpenter. Their children are: Louis, of Duluth; Louise, John, August, Emil and Aaron. August Hallquist received his education in Sweden, and then went to work on a farm. He came to the United States in 1880, and at first worked in the mines in Clayfield county, Pennsylvania, where he remained about six months. Then removing to Minnesota, he worked a few months on the railroad in Carver county, after which he went to Minneapolis and to Lake Park, where he worked on a farm and conducted a lumber yard until the fall of 1882. He then came to Brainerd, and for six months worked in the Northern Pacific Railway Company shops. Following this he was for eight years engaged in retail liquor business, and for a year and one-half worked as clerk in a grocery store. For a short time he did bridge work for the Northern Pacific, for two years worked as clerk in the Valard Hotel, and for two years conducted a restaurant. He sold the restaurant and opened an ice cream and confectionery business, which he continued eight months, and for four years thereafter he worked as clerk in a grocery store. February 2, 1902. Mr. Hallquist embarked in the grocery business on his own account, and has met with very fair success. He carries a stock worth some two thousand dollars. His industry and honesty have enabled him to build up a large trade, which he holds through the merits of his goods and his honorable treatment of customers.

Mr. Hallquist married Josephine Dahl, of Norway, August 12, 1884, and they became the parents of four children, namely: Ralph, born February 13, 1886, a graduate veterinary surgeon; Gertrude, born in 1889; Alice, in 1893; and Harry, who died in infancy. Mr. Hallquist is a Republican in politics, and is a member of the Ancient Order of United Workmen, Degree of Honor, and M. B. A.

Gothfred S. Swanson, a prominent and rising young attorney, of Brainerd, Minnesota, was born August 19, 1883, in Småland, Sweden, and is a son of Andrew and Nellie (Nelson) Swanson, the former a native of Småland and the latter of Skåne. The father followed farming in Sweden and came to America in 1886, where he worked four years as lumberman at Cross Lake and Gull River. He then removed to Brainerd, and has since been employed in the shops of the Northern Pacific Railway. His family followed to the United States in 1888. His children were eight in number, namely: Jennie, deceased; Gothfred; Hilding Alfred, a student at University of Minnesota, Minneapolis; John Albert, a machinist apprentice at Brainerd; Edwin Oscar, Hannah Augusta and Ellen Mabel, attending high school; and William.

Gothfred S. Swanson attended the common schools of Brainerd, from which he was graduated in 1902. He worked two years as clerk in the store department of the Northern Pacific Railway at Brainerd and Duluth. In 1904 he entered the law department of the University, of Minnesota, graduating in 1907, since which time he has been engaged in the practice of his profession at Brainerd. He is a member of the Swedish Lutheran Church and vice president of the Young People's Society. He is president of the Nordstjernan Society, the largest Scandinavian Society in the city, is recording secretary of the Swedish United Sons of America, a member of the Royal League, and also of the Independent Order Scandinavian Workmen of America and Modern Woodmen of America, and belongs to the Young Men's Christian Association, being on its board of directors and one of its quartette. He takes an active and pleasurable interest in musical matters.

In political views Mr. Swanson is a Republican, and he ably fills the office of municipal judge of Brainerd. He takes an active interest in all public improvements and movements for the good of the community.

Peter Gustof Fogelstrom, a successful carpenter and contractor of Brainerd, was born at Blekinge, Sweden, April 24, 1846. He attended the public schools of his native country until he reached the age of twelve years, and then spent two years at sea in company with his father, on a merchant vessel, on the Baltic and North seas. He then entered service as an apprentice on a full-rigged ship, called the *Princess Louise*, of Stockholm, sailing to England, Hongkong, and Manila; twice he rounded Cape Horn, the entire trip consuming twenty-two months. He spent the following four years making voyages to Denmark, and then sailed to Chile, in a Danish vessel. His father died about this time, and he returned to Sweden, for one summer sailing out of that country.

Mr. Fogelstrom emigrated to the United States in 1866, locating first in Chicago, where for fifteen years he sailed on the Great Lakes, acting as second and first mate about eleven years of that time. He spent his winters in Iowa, in doing carpenter work. In 1882 Mr. Fogelstrom removed to Brainerd and there took up the trade of carpenter, building the first Scandinavian church ever erected in that city. He has since continued in this occupation, and has successfully fulfilled many contracts. At present his chief business is the erection of bridges. He has won the confidence and respect of all with whom he has done business, and is considered one of the influential citizens of the city.

In his political views Mr. Fogelstrom endorses the policy of the Republican party. He has served three terms as street commissioner, in 1886 one term as county commisioner, in 1884 served one year on the police force, and for twelve years was a member of the city council.

Mr. Fogelstrom married, in 1882, Bertha C. Hanson, of Red Wing, Minnesota, and they have had five children, namely: Arthur Garfield, de-

ceased; Clarence Richard, married Agnes Boyd; Lydia O., at home; and George Washington and John Webster, both deceased. Mrs. Fogelstrom died in 1891, and in 1895 he married Hulda C. Johnson, of Sweden; they had eight children, as follows: Esther N.; Claude Russell; Henry George, deceased; Violet; Gust Wilford; Gladys Bedelia; Alpha Forest, and Walter Ransford.

Swan A. Swanson.—Many of Minnesota's most honored and respected citizens were born and reared on the other side of the Atlantic, and to Sweden, especially, is the state indebted for some of her most enterprising and progressive business men. Occupying a leading position among this number is Swan A. Swanson, a prosperous merchant of Mankato, Blue Earth county. He was born September 15, 1861, in Ohr socken, Sunnanäkra gord, Vexiö Stift, Kronabergs Län, Småland, a son of Swen and Helena (Andersdoter) Isacson, also natives of Småland, who spent their lives in Southern Sweden, being engaged in tilling the soil.

Educated in the public schools of his native land, Swan A. Swanson early resolved to seek an opportunity to better his financial interest in a new country, and in 1881, ere attaining his majority, emigrated to the United States. Settling in Mankato, Minnesota, he followed the trade of a stone cutter for about twelve years, in the meantime, in 1885, returning to his old home for a visit with his parents and friends. In 1895, he moved to St. James, Watonwan county, and was there for ten years engaged in various lines of business including banking and real estate. The ensuing two years Mr. Swanson lived practically retired from active pursuits, during which time he paid a second visit to his kinsmen in Sweden, this time being accompanied by his wife and his son Carl. They traveled extensively in Europe, becoming familiar with the more important cities. Returning to Blue Earth county, Mr. Swanson embarked in the mercantile business in Mankato in March, 1908, and as a dealer in pianos, organs and other musical instruments, built up a profitable trade, which he has recently disposed of, and is now carrying on a substantial business as a dealer in real estate.

On March 17, 1887, Mr. Swanson married Alma Sophia Engwalson, who was born in Älsborg län, Ericksbyn gord, Skålerud socken, Dalsland. Into their home eight children have been born, namely: Carl, studying law in the Minnesota State University; Anna Louisa; Phoebe Helena, died when four years of age; Effie; Oscar; Minnie; Arthur Wendel, died in infancy; and Ebba. In his political affiliations Mr. Swanson is a Republican, and in his religious faith he is a member of the Swedish Lutheran church.

Swan August Anderson.—Prominent among the well-known and successful business men of Blue Earth county is Swan A. Anderson, who is actively identified with the industrial interests of this section of the

state as a quarryman and contractor in Mankato. A son of Anders and Anastina Magnusson, he was born, January 12, 1852, in Lonshult Pjetteryd socken, Kronebergs län, Sweden, and there lived until after attaining his majority.

Anders Magnusson was born, lived and died in Sweden, his birth occurring in 1817, and his death in 1885. He was an excellent mechanic, and during his active years was engaged in carpentering and contracting. His wife, who was born in Sweden in 1827, survived him, and now makes her home in Mankato, Minnesota. They were the parents of seven children, as follows: Eva, died at the age of eleven years; John August, lived but two years; Swan August, the special subject of this brief biography; Tilda May, wife of C. A. Gustafson, of Mankato, a stone cutter; Magnus Edward, a farmer and stone cutter, died in 1905; Carl Gustaf, a stone cutter, living in Mankato, married Johanna Johnson; and Otto, of Mankato.

Attending the public schools during the days of his boyhood and youth, Swan A. Anderson obtained an excellent education, and subsequently served for a few years as coachman in a minister's family. He was afterwards employed for ten years by the Swedish Government as a stone cutter on the railroad. Having made up his mind, however, that greater success awaited him in this country than in his native land, he sailed for America on April 2, 1880. Making his way at once to Blue Earth county, Mr. Anderson secured employment as a stone cutter at Mankato, and at the end of three years had proved himself so capable and faithful that he was made foreman of the yard, a position which he filled satisfactorily until 1898. Leasing in that year a quarry on his own account, Mr. Anderson has since been extensively engaged in quarrying and contracting, and in addition operates a sawmill and a stone crusher. Prosperity has seemingly smiled on his every effort, his material success in the business world being entirely due to his industry, thrift and practical judgment in the management of affairs.

Mr. Anderson married, October 14, 1880, after coming to this country, Johanna Anderson, and of their union these children have been born, namely: Johan August, who died in infancy; Olga Dorethea, head bookkeeper for the Citizens' Telephone Company in Mankato; Arthur Fredolf, formerly head book-keeper in the National Citizens' Bank in Mankato, at present holding a responsible position in Denver, Colorado; Walter Leonard, lived but two years; Clarence Otto, born in 1893; and Oscar and Leonard, died in infancy. One of the leading members of the Swedish Lutheran church, Mr. Anderson has served as its deacon and trustee since 1882. A man of strong convictions, he is independent in politics, and served as street commissioner, being elected without solicitation on his part, but resigned the position at the end of the first year to go into business. Fraternally Mr. Anderson is a member of the Ancient Order of United Workmen.

JOHN S. ROLF, who was numbered among the esteemed and valued citizens of North Mankato, was a Swede by birth, breeding and education, who had profitably followed the tailor's trade, which he learned in his native country, his industry and skill being recognized and appreciated by his many patrons. He was born, September 18, 1848, in Ystad, province of Skåne, Sweden, where his parents, Christian and Kastin (Olson) Swenson, spent their period of earthly life. The father was a gardener by occupation. To him and his wife six children were born, as follows: John S., with whom this brief sketch is chiefly concerned; Carl, who died, in 1902, in North Mankato; Olof, a tailor in Sweden; Tilda, deceased; Mary, residing in Sweden; and Tilda, the second, deceased.

Having completed his course of study in the common schools of his native land, John S. Rolf served an apprenticeship at the tailor's trade, and followed it for a number of years in Skåne. In September, 1887, following in the footsteps of so many of his countrymen that had met with success on this side of the Atlantic, he emigrated to the United States, locating first at Forest City, Iowa. After spending six years in that locality, Mr. Rolf came to Blue Earth county, where he followed his trade of tailor in North Mankato until his death, July 30, 1909.

On August 18, 1871, Mr. Rolf married Elsa Anderson, and into the household thus established eight children have been born, namely: Alfred, a tailor, lives in North Dakota; Hilda, wife of Anders Anderson, of Mankato; William, married and engaged in tailoring at Sioux City, Iowa; Elaine, clerk in a dry goods house in Fargo, North Dakota; Godfrey, a tailor in North Dakota; Emil, a soldier in the United States Army, is now, 1909, located in California; Elsie, living at home; and Godfrey, deceased. Religously Mr. Rolf was a follower of Emanuel Swedenborg, the Mystic. Politically he was a stanch Democrat, and served on the local school board. Fraternally he belonged to the Modern Woodmen of America.

JOHN P. ANDERSON, superintendent of the shops of the Northern Pacific Railway Company, was born near Hernösand, Björstad socken, Norrland, Aldermans Län, Sweden, December 25, 1869. He attended the public school of his native town until ten years of age, and in 1880 came to the United States, locating first in Minneapolis. Here he continued his education, and later went to Brainerd, where for five years he was an apprentice in the Northern Pacific Railway shops, as machinist. He spent several years traveling in the employ of various railroad companies, and in 1899 returned to Brainerd and again entered the employ of the Northern Pacific Railway Company, as journeyman. He was soon promoted to the position of erecting foreman, later to that of general foreman, and after eleven months was made superintendent of the shops, which position he has since held. He is an able machinist, and has under his supervision eleven hundred men, engaged in repairing locomotives,

etc., for the entire Northern Pacific system, east of Billings, Montana, also manufacturing repair parts for outside points, etc.

Mr. Anderson is a public-spirited citizen, and takes an active interest in public affairs and improvements. He is a Republican in his political views. He served some time as chairman of the water and light commission of Brainerd. He is affiliated with the Masonic order and the Modern Woodmen of America.

Mr. Anderson was married, May 25, 1897, to Christine Erickson, daughter of John Erickson, comptroller of the city of Superior, Wisconsin, and they have three children, namely: Eleanor Gurine, born March 11, 1898; Leah, died at the age of two years; John Henry, born May 3, 1908. Mr. Anderson attends the Swedish Lutheran church.

J. C. Ranseen.—A man of excellent business ability and judgment, J. C. Ranseen occupies an assured position among the prosperous merchants of Watonwan county, as junior member of the firm of Swendsen & Ranseen, having a well-established and lucrative trade in St. James, where he has been located for nearly a score of years. A native of Sweden, he was born, September 19, 1854, in Blekinge, Jenshogs socken. His parents, C. M. and Kari (Johnson) Ranseen, natives of Skåne, Sweden, spent their entire lives in the land that gave them birth, and there reared their six children, namely: Kari, wife of O. Hanson, a tailor in Elgin, Illinois; Sissa, widow of the late Nels Johnson, for many years engaged in farming in Sweden; M. C., pastor of a Swedish Lutheran church in Chicago, Illinois; Ingre, deceased, married John Carlson, a tailor in Chicago, Illinois; Bettie, of Ottumwa, Iowa; and J. C., the special subject of this brief sketch. Both parents were devout members of the Swedish Lutheran church, and the death of the mother in 1868, and of the father in 1872, were both deeply lamented by their many friends and neighbors.

In common with his brothers and sisters, J. C. Ranseen received his education in the public schools of Sweden, where he subsequently served an apprenticeship at the tailor's trade. In 1874, following the tide of emigration across the broad Atlantic, he came to the United States, and the following seven years worked as a tailor in Ottumwa, Iowa, after which he was similarly employed in Chicago, Illinois, for four years. Returning to Ottumwa in 1886, he was there a resident until 1891, when he located in St. James. Forming then a partnership with C. J. Swendsen, Mr. Ranseen embarked in business as a general merchant under the firm name of Swendsen & Ranseen, and has here built up a large and remunerative trade, the firm being widely and favorably known throughout this section of the country.

Mr. Ranseen has been twice married. He married first, in Chicago, October 23, 1883, Miss Maria Fredrica Osterlind, by whom he had one child, Ethel Selna, now married to A. P. Tried, at Iowa City, Iowa. Mr. Ranseen's first wife died June 1, 1888, while yet in the prime of woman-

hood. Mr. Ranseen was married, second, January 21, 1890, to Miss Nellie Anderson, daughter of John Anderson, of Ottumwa, Iowa, and of this union three children have been born, namely: Clarence Eugene, a student in Gustavus Adolphus College; Moritz Harold; and Rudolph Constantine. Religiously Mr. Ranseen is a prominent member of the Swedish Lutheran church, in which he is serving as deacon. Politically he is an earnest supporter of the principles of the Republican party, and is a member and president of the St. James board of education.

Magnus Wilhelm Sandquist.—Among the able and influential citzens of St. James, Magnus Wilhelm Sandquist holds an honored position, being founder of the Watonwan Collection Agency, a dealer in real estate, a fire insurance agent, and city justice, having filled the latter office for a full decade. A sons of Nels Sandquist, he was born, November 19, 1861, in Copenhagen, Denmark, of Swede and German ancestry.

Nels Sandquist was born and reared in Skåne, Sweden, but after attaining his majority spent some time in Copenhagen, where he followed the tailor's trade. Coming to this country in 1869, he located as a tailor in St. Peter, Minnesota, from there removing to Minneapolis, where he spent his remaining years, dying in 1884. His wife, whose maiden name was Dorothea Muller, was born in Kiel, Germany.

Emigrating to the United States in 1869, Magnus W. Sandquist at first made his home in St. James, Minn., with his uncle, Martin Person. Continuing his education in the city schools, he subsequently completed his studies at Gustavus Adolphus College, where he took a three years' course, being graduated in 1884. Then, in 1888, after teaching school for four years, Mr. Sandquist established himself in the mercantile business in St. James, on the north side, opening the first general store in that part of the city, selling furniture, also, and continued its management until 1891, when he sold out. In that year he established the Watonwan County Collection Agency, which is still flourishing. He is still interested in this agency, is agent for a fire insurance company, and a successful dealer in real estate. In 1899 Mr. Sandquist was elected city justice, and has served in this capacity ever since.

On November 5, 1884, Mr. Sandquist married Christina Erlanson, of Watonwan county. She died in early womanhood, leaving one child, Eben, a harness and furniture dealer in Dunnell, Minnesota. Mr. Sandquist married second, August 16, 1887, Tilda Anderson, of Watonwan county, who died May 10, 1898, leaving three children—Esther, Olga, and Carl. On September 20, 1900, Mr. Sandquist married for his third wife Miss Emma Person, of Watonwan county, and of this union three children have been born, namely: Inez, Muriel, and Wilhelm. A prominent and active member of the Swedish Lutheran church, Mr. Sandquist was leader of the church choir for a quarter of a century, from 1883 until 1908, and for a number of years has been a member of the Board of Auditors. Politically he is a steadfast Republican, and fraternally he

belongs to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows; to the Modern Woodmen of America; to the Woodmen of the World; to the Modern Samaritans; to the Degree of Honor; and to the Ancient Order of United Workmen.

JOHN WESSBERG.—Noteworthy among the highly respected citizens of St. James is John Wessberg, who by his industry, thrift and straightforward course in life, has fully established himself in the esteem and confidence of his neighbors and associates. A representative of the American born Swedes, he is a native of Watonwan county, his birth having occurred in Nelson township, October 13, 1872. He is a son of A. P. Wessberg, a well known farmer of St. James.

A. P. Wessberg was born and brought up in Sweden and married Johanna Anderson. In 1869 they emigrated to America, and after living for a short time in Mankato, Blue Earth county, Minnesota, took up a homestead claim in St. James, cleared and improved, and have since resided on their well-kept and well-managed farm. Both parents are members of the Swedish Lutheran church, while in politics the father is a decided Republican. They are the parents of seven children, as follows: Ellen, wife of A. W. Warner, a carpenter in St. James; John; Hulda; Emma, who died in childhood; Aaron, of St. James, junior member of the jewelry firm of Hansen & Wessberg; Matilda; and William.

Obtaining a practical education in the common schools of his native district, John Wessberg was well trained in the various branches of agriculture by his father, remaining on the home farm until nineteen years of age. Turning then his attention to mercantile pursuits, he has since been employed as a clerk in the establishment of J. K. Sonneseyn & Co., of St. James.

On November 6, 1901, Mr. Wessberg married Anna Horton, daughter of O. O. Horton, of Long Lake township, and into their household two children have been born, namely: Arnold, born November 6, 1902, and Victor, who died in infancy. Religiously Mr. Wessberg is an active member and a trustee of the Swedish Lutheran church, and politically he is identified with the Republican party.

SEVERIN ANDERSON.—A man of versatile talents, energetic and enterprising, Severin Anderson, of St. James, is carrying on a substantial business as manager of the John Anderson Company, with which he has been associated since 1899. A son of the late Andrew Jonson, he was born in Norunga socken, Elsborgs Län, Westergothland, Sweden, September 20, 1868, and there spent his early years.

Andrew Jonson, a life-long resident of Sweden, was a farmer by occupation, and reared a large family of children. He was twice married. By his first wife, whose maiden name was Johanna Swenson, he had four children, as follows: August, died in Sweden; Carl, a farmer in Sweden; Kasper, who came to Watonwan county, Minnesota, in 1868,

and died at Mankato; and Kissa, who married Lars Johnson, lives in Sweden. After the death of his first wife Andrew Jonson married Annakisa Andersdater, and they became the parents of five children, namely: Gustaf Hendrik, a merchant in Sweden; Amanda Carolina, wife of C. G. Bouvin, foreman of a manufacturing establishment in Halmstad, Sweden; Severin, the subject of this sketch; Henning A. of St. James, Minnesota, clerk in the store of Swendsen & Ranseen; and Alvida Mathia, wife of Herman Peterson, of Sweden. Henning A. Anderson, the fourth child of the second marriage, served in the Spanish-American war as a member of Company H, Second Minnesota Volunteer Infantry. He married, October 15, 1902, Anna Sophia Anderson, daughter of Charles Anderson, of Long Lake, Minnesota, and they have three children, Lucille Deborah Henrietta, Sylvia Theresia, and Saline Reinhold.

Severin Anderson was educated in the public schools of Sweden, and was there a resident until 1887. In that year, desirous of trying the hazard of new fortunes, he emigrated to the United States, coming directly to St. James, Minnesota, where for a dozen years he was engaged in agricultural pursuits. Forming then a partnership with the late John Anderson, under the name of the John Anderson Company, he assisted in establishing the business which he is now so successfully managing, manufacturing cement blocks and sidewalks, and retailing mason's materials. Since the death of Mr. John Anderson, his widow retains his interest in the business, which is still conducted under its original name, and under the skilful management of Severin Anderson is steadily increasing.

Mr. Anderson has been twice married. He married first, June 27, 1893, Maria Anderson, who was born in Christianstads län, Skåne, Sweden, August 14, 1867. She died May 20, 1904, leaving two children, namely: Anna Ethel Victoria, born August 7, 1894, and Mauritz Severance, born May 13, 1904. Mr. Anderson married, second, Anna Louisa Benson, and they have one child, Reuben Clifford, born August 3, 1907. Politically Mr. Anderson is an Independent Republican; religiously he belongs to the Swedish Lutheran church; and fraternally he is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and of the Ancient Order of United Workmen.

Olof Anderson.—Many of the most thriving and enterprising citizens of Minnesota have come from the land across the sea, and of this number Olof Anderson, of St. James, is a worthy representative. He was born, August 17, 1866, in Christianstad län, northern Skåne, Sweden, a son of Anders and Christina (Jensen) Anderson, the former of whom died in America, soon after his arrival here, in 1869. Of the children born to him and his wife but two are now living: Theodore, of Sweden, and Olof, the subject of this personal biography.

Brought up and educated in his native country, Olof Anderson sub-

sequently determined to seek his fortune on American soil, and in 1890 came to Minnesota, where he had friends living. Locating in St. James, he has since successfully followed his trade of a carpenter and contractor, having for many years been in partnership with Albert Anderson, under the firm name of Anderson & Anderson. The interest of his copartner having been purchased, in 1907, by John P. Krone, the firm name has since been Anderson & Krone. As contractors, builders and manufacturers of sashes, doors and blinds, this firm has a very large and lucrative business, its reputation for substantial, artistic and durable work being widely and favorably known.

Mr. Anderson married, October 3, 1906, Miss Annie Person, daughter of Per Nelson, of Sweden, and they are the parents of two children, Arvid Ossian and Eric Philip. True to the faith of his forefathers, Mr. Anderson is a member of the Swedish Lutheran church. In his political views he is a sound Republican, and fraternally he is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and to the Yeomen of America.

Alfred Danielson.—Enterprising and energetic, possessing excellent business ability and judgment, Alfred Danielson, of St. Peter, holds a firm position among the prosperous merchants of southern Minnesota, having three established music stores, one in the city in which he resides, one in Mankato, and one in New Ulm. A son of Daniel Anderson, he was born February 12, 1861, in Tisselskog socken, Dahlsland, Sweden, where he spent the days of his boyhood and youth.

Daniel Anderson, a farmer by occupation, was also interested to some extent in seafaring pursuits, having been part owner of a merchant ship, and while on a voyage, in 1864, losing his life at sea. He married Christina Larsdoter, who survived him, passing away in 1879. Five children were born of their marriage, as follows: Nannie, who died in childhood; Alfred, the subject of this brief biographical sketch; Martin, deceased; Anna Amelia, deceased; Lars Wilhelm, now operating a sawmill in Sweden.

Going to Norway soon after leaving school, Alfred Danielson was there employed in railroad work for two years, but was not at all satisfied with his work. Hoping to find more congenial employment in a newer country, he bade goodbye to home and friends in 1879, came to Minnesota, and for twelve years thereafter was busily employed at Mankato as a stone mason and in railroad work. The following year Mr. Danielson spent in Virginia, filling contracts for the Louisville & Nashville Railroad Company. Returning then to Minnesota, Mr. Danielson worked for the Singer Sewing Machine Company for four years. Deciding then to start in business on his own account, he opened a music store in St. Peter in 1897, and met with such success in its management that he subsequently established one in Mankato, and another at New Ulm, both of which he still operates, having an extensive and lucrative trade.

In July, 1881, Mr. Danielson married Martha Matteson, daughter of Lars Matteson, of Windom, Minnesota, and to them eight children have been born, two of whom are dead and six living. Those living are: Samuel Albert, assistant foreman in a laundry connected with the state hospital in St. Peter, married Inga Wettergren, of New Sweden, Minnesota; Anna, wife of C. W. Watts, a farmer at Mankato; Henry W., superintendent of Employers' Detective Agency of Chicago, married Clara Grunewald, of Dawson, Minnesota; Maggie, wife of F. E. English, of New Ulm; and Minnie and Oscar, at home. Religiously Mr. Danielson is a conscientious member of the Swedish Lutheran church. Politically he is a Republican and takes an intelligent interest in local affairs, for three years rendering good service as a member of the City Council. He is a member of various secret societies, belonging to the Knights of Pythias, the Improved Order of Red Men, the Modern Samaritans, the Eagles, the Beavers, the Ancient Order of United Workmen, Modern Woodmen of America, the Degree of Honor, the Equitable Fraternal Union, and to the Workmen's Benefit Association. Mr. Danielson owns a fine residence at 324 North Seventh street, St. Peter, Minnesota, where he is living with his family at the present time.

Rev. Erik J. Nystrom.—As pastor of the First Swedish Lutheran church of St. Peter, Rev. Erik J. Nystrom leads a busy and useful life, and in his ministerial labors is meeting with marked success, his extreme earnestness of purpose and his sincere devotion to his parochial duties bringing to him well-merited reward. A son of the late Carl Wilhelm Nystrom, he was born, May 8, 1860, in Fornåsa, Östergötland, where he spent his boyhood days.

Carl Wilhelm Nystrom was born, lived and died on the homestead founded in Sweden by his ancestors, his birth occurring June 9, 1827, and his death on April 14, 1907. An agriculturist, he carried on general farming throughout his active career. He married Sophia Löf, who was born in Lönsås, Östergötland, July 12, 1827, and there died December 5, 1905. They were the parents of four children, namely: Carl August, born September 4, 1855, succeeded to the ownership of the ancestral homestead, which he is successfully managing, having remained in Sweden; Emma Christina, born January 9, 1858, is the wife of G. E. Dahlquist, a farmer, living in Tony, Wisconsin; Erik Johan, the special subject of this sketch; and Aron Wilhelm, born September 20, 1865, is engaged in general farming at St. Joe, Idaho. Both parents were members of the Swedish Lutheran church, and reared their family in the same faith.

Having obtained his rudimentary education in the public schools of his native land, Erik J. Nystrom migrated, in 1879, to the United States, and for a short time lived in Chicago, Illinois. Going from there to Iowa, he first located at New Sweden, but afterwards went to Swedes-

burg, Henry county, where, during the summer of 1880, he taught the parochial school. Subsequently Mr. Nystrom attended the Augustana College, at Rock Island, Illinois, where, in the fall of 1887, having completed the classical course, he entered the Theological Seminary. While in school he was frequently sent out as a teacher, and had charge of congregations in different places, including New London and Clinton, Iowa, Longmont, Boulder and Ryssby, Colorado; the mission field: Hudson-Ashland, Wisconsin; Geneseo, Illinois; Jamestown, New York; and Worthington, Slayton and Blooming Prairie, Minnesota.

On June 16, 1889, at Rock Island, Mr. Nystrom was ordained as a minister, and immediately went to Ottumwa, Iowa, where he had charge of a large church, with a mission at Muchakinock, from June, 1889, until November, 1896. Then, in response to a call from an eastern state, he accepted the pastorate of the Swedish Lutheran church at Worcester, Massachusetts, where he remained until February, 1905, being very successful in his labors. Since that date Mr. Nystrom has had charge of the First Swedish Lutheran church at St. Peter, Minnesota, where he is widely known as a man of earnest convictions, strong character, and an able and faithful worker in the Christian ministry. Mr. Nystrom has served in various official capacities in his denominational labors, having been treasurer, chairman and secretary in the Burlington district of the Iowa Conference; and while in Worcester, Massachusetts, was first secretary and later chairman of the Boston district, and was also one of the members of the executive committee of the Mission Board of that conference. At the present time he is statistician of the St. Peter district.

On June 7, 1890, Mr. Nystrom married Hilma Julida Ohlin, daughter of Samuel and Karin (Swenson) Ohlin, of Titusville, Pennsylvania. Mrs. Nystrom died October 10, 1903, in Worcester, Massachusetts, leaving two children, little girls, not yet in their "teens," namely: Helga Erika Theodora, born in Ottumwa, Iowa, June 13, 1891; and Margareta Irene, born in Ottumwa, Iowa, May 6, 1893. Both daughters are now attending Gustavus Adolphus College. Politically Mr. Nystrom is Independent in his views, especially as regards local affairs. Liberal and charitable, he is an active member of the Swea Sick Benefit Society of St. Peter.

Peter A. Mattson, Ph. D.—From the position of an humble student in a strange college, in a strange land, to the high office of presidency of that same educational institution is a long stride, but one which has been taken by Peter A. Mattson, Ph. D., now standing at the head of the Gustavus Adolphus College at St. Peter, Minnesota, being its third president. A graduate of this college, he is a fine representative of all that is best in the institution, while his attainments in scholarship, and his great administrative capacities, are fully recognized by those most nearly concerned. A Swede by birth and breeding, he was born, Sep-

tember 29, 1865, in Hvitsand, Wermland, where he obtained his elementary education, living there until seventeen years of age.

Coming with his brother Edward to America in the summer of 1882, Mr. Mattson resided for a year in the village of Sacred Heart, Renville county, Minnesota, from there going to Warren, where he remained until the spring of 1885, in the meantime continuing his studies. When, on January 3, 1885, Mr. Mattson entered the Gustavus Adolphus College at St. Peter, he had almost unlimited faith in himself and his future life, but not then, nor even later, when he was graduated with honors, or even when he was ordained to the ministry, did he once imagine that he was destined to be chosen president of the college, and the recognized leader of the Swedish-Lutheran movement in the Northwest. Studious and ambitious, he was graduated from the Classical Department of the college, June 12, 1892, with the degree of B. A. Entering the Augustana College at Rock Island, Illinois, in the fall of that year, Mr. Mattson took up the study of theology, and after two years of close application to his studies again carried off the honors of his class, graduating with the degree of B. D. on June 10, 1894.

Returning to Minnesota, Mr. Mattson was regularly ordained as a minister of the gospel during the synodical convention held at St. Peter that year, and at once accepted a call to the pastorate of the First Lutheran church of Tacoma, Washington, the largest church on the Pacific coast. Devoting his energies to the duties devolving upon him in that capacity he, with the exception of a year spent in California for the benefit of his health, remained in that city for five years, meeting with great success in his ministerial labors, and greatly endearing himself to the members of his congregation. During the time he was for two years secretary of the Columbia Conference and one term its vice-president. Failing health forced him to resign the charge he had so successfully conducted and return to Minnesota.

Recuperating his physical forces after a period of rest, Mr. Mattson was installed as pastor of Ebenezer church, Minneapolis, in 1899, and filled the pulpit most acceptably for five years. Then, in 1904, he was elected by the Minnesota Conference to succeed Dr. Wahlstrom, who had completed twenty-three years as president of the Gustavus Adolphus College, a position for which he is eminently fitted, not only by scholarship and training, but in instinct, ideals and spirit. He is well and widely known, and in 1906 received the degree of Ph. D. at the University of Minnesota, while the honorary degree of D. D. was conferred upon him by the Muhlenberg College at Allentown, Pennsylvania.

On June 18, 1895, Dr. Mattson married Emma Anna Olson, daughter of Andrew A. and Christina (Johnson) Olson, of Hopkins, Minnesota. Three children have blessed their union, namely: Myrtle Annette Hattie, born in 1896; Hamlin August Nathanael born in 1899; and Violet Emma Christine, born in 1907. Politically the doctor is independent, with Republican tendencies.

August Olson.—Prominent among the public officials of Nicollet county is August Olson, of St. Peter, who is now filling his second term as sheriff. He is a man of influence, possessing in an eminent degree the discretion, trustworthiness, and force of character requisite for the duties devolving upon him in his present capacity. A native of Minnesota, he was born, December 22, 1861, in West Union, Carver county, a son of Andrew Olson.

Born in Gottenburg, Wester Gothland, in March, 1818, Andrew Olson was there reared to agricultural pursuits, and continued a resident of Sweden for upwards of forty years. In the spring of 1861, hoping in a newer country to improve his financial condition, he came with his family to America. Locating in Minnesota, he purchased a tract of land in Carver county, and immediately resumed the occupation to which he had so long been accustomed. Moving to New Sweden, Nicollet county, in 1868, he bought land, and was there prosperously employed as a tiller of the soil until his death, in 1895. Intelligent and enterprising, he took great interest in local affairs, becoming a stanch supporter of the principles of the Republican party. True to the religious faith in which he was brought up, he was a member of the Swedish Lutheran church.

Andrew Olson was twice married. By his first wife he had three children, as follows: Mary, living in St. Peter, Minnesota, is the widow of the late N. J. Carlson, for many years a successful farmer in Nicollet county; Annie, wife of C. E. Lindberg, of Minneapolis; and John, a retired farmer, living at Walnut Grove. Mr. Olson married second, in Sweden, Mariastena Johnson, who was born in Gottenburg, Sweden, in 1826, and by this union he became the father of nine children, namely: Jennie, wife of Louis Becklund, a real estate dealer in Winthrop, Minnesota; Tilda, wife of J. N. Gayner, special public examiner of Litchfield; Louis, a real estate dealer in New Sweden; August, the special subject of this sketch; Albert, engaged in farming in New Sweden; Emma, residing in Tacoma, Washington; Alfred, of New Sweden; Kate, also of New Sweden; and Charles, chef on the Northern Pacific Railroad, his run being between St. Paul and Seattle.

August Olson obtained a good common school education in Nicollet county, and after learning the carpenter's trade was employed as a contractor and builder in Nicollet and Sibley counties for a number of seasons, becoming widely known throughout this section of the state. On January 1, 1901, Mr. Olson was appointed deputy sheriff by Sheriff John McMillen, under whom he served the ensuing six years. Having in the meantime proved himself in every way worthy and capable, he was elected, in 1906, as sheriff, and in 1908 had the honor of being reëlected to the same office without opposition, this incident showing Mr. Olson's popularity with all classes of people, regardless of party prejudices.

Mr. Olson married, June 27, 1907, Miss Natie Frazer, daughter of

Mr. and Mrs. T. F. Frazer, of St. Peter, and they have two children—Franklin Andrew and Mary Elizabeth. Mrs. Olson is a consistent member of the Methodist Episcopal church. Politically Mr. Olson is identified with the Republican party, and fraternally he is a member of the Ancient Free and Accepted Order of Masons; of the Knights of Pythias; of the Modern Woodmen of America; and of the Improved Order of Red Men.

Charles Frederick Bergquist.—A man of strong character, capable and far-seeing, Charles F. Bergquist, of Winthrop, holds a prominent position among the progressive citizens of Sibley county, his business ability and personal integrity being respected throughout the community in which he resides. Scholarly and cultured, he is likewise a gifted musician, his talent in this direction having met with a ready recognition, and to his children he has imparted a love of his favorite art, one of his sons being an exceptionally fine organist and composer. A son of Carl J. Bergquist, he was born, December 11, 1849, in the little mining town of Versbo, Varna socken, Ostergothland, Sweden.

A life-long resident of Sweden, both Carl Johan Bergquist and his wife, Johanna, were born, lived and died, in Ostergothland, his birth occurring in 1828, and hers in 1820, while her death occurred in 1886, and his in 1903. He was an industrious, hard working man, following the blacksmith's trade throughout his active life. Their children, six in number, were as follows: Mathilda, widow of the late Andrew Knutstrom, a farmer; Charles Frederick, the special subject of this sketch; Anna Sophia passed away at the age of nineteen years; Katherine, still living in Sweden, married Oscar Eckstrom, a shoemaker; Emerentsia, wife of Charles Anderson, a farmer in Iowa; and Johan, a blacksmith, died, in 1892, in America.

Acquiring his early knowledge of books in the common schools of his native land, Charles F. Bergquist came to this country in search of fame and fortune in 1868, and spent that summer as a miner in Michigan. Coming then to Minnesota, he secured work on a railroad as a day laborer, subsequently becoming a foreman and contractor, and continuing thus employed until 1873. In 1874 Mr. Bergquist embarked in a mercantile career, and for five years was clerk in a farm implement store in St. Peter. Desirous then of fitting himself for a position of more importance, he attended Gustavus Adolphus College for three years, being graduated in 1882. While there he paid special attention to the study of the Swedish language, preparing himself for a teacher, and also took private lessons in music, perfecting himself as an organist. The ensuing two years, from January, 1884, until January, 1886, Mr. Bergquist taught school, and was church organist, in Fremont, Iowa. Going then to Minneapolis, he there continued teaching, at the same time becoming organist of Augustana church. Giving up then his professional labors, he was for two and one-half years clerk in the lumber yard of C. A. Smith.

J. Victor Bergquist

C. F. Bergquist

Mrs Emma Bergquist

Locating in Winthrop in 1891, Mr. Bergquist was for a year bookkeeper for his brother-in-law, C. J. Larson, a lumber dealer, after which he formed a partnership with Mr. Larson, and continued in the lumber business until the death of Mr. Larson, in 1902, in the meantime opening a branch lumber yard at Lafayette, Minnesota. The business being subsequently divided, Mr. Bergquist retained the Lafayette branch, which he placed in charge of his son, Theodore Ferdinand, and has since lived retired from active pursuits, enjoying the competence which he has acquired.

Mr. Bergquist married, March 5, 1874, Emma Applequist, daughter of Johannes and Maria Applequist, natives of Westergothland, Sweden. Their union has been blessed by the birth of five children, namely: Carl Emil, M. D., a physician in Galesville, Wisconsin, married Borghild Torkelson, by whom he has two children, Ethel Clarabelle and Blanche Evangeline; J. Victor, organist and music teacher in Minneapolis, married Amelia Johnson, and they have one child, Carl Elvir; Theodore Ferdinand, a hardware and lumber merchant in Lafayette, married Cary Ericsson, and they have one child, Stewart Theodore; Ernest Bernhard superintendent of the schools at Zumbrota, Minnesota; and Oscar Sigfried, a druggist in Galesville, Wisconsin. Politically Mr. Bergquist is a stanch supporter of the principles of the Republican party, and for three years served as assessor, while for nine years he was a member of the local school board, two years of the time being its president. A valued member of the Swedish Lutheran church, he was for many years a deacon, and the organist.

J. Victor Bergquist, the second son, is a musician of note, having inherited great musical talent from his father. Going to Europe in 1900, he took lessons on the organ under the noted organist of Berlin Grunicke, and under Guilmant in Paris, and piano lessons under Scharwenka, while under Berger he studied composition. Subsequently witnessing a performance of the Passion Play at Oberammergau, he was inspired with a great desire to compose appropriate music, and his oratorio, "Golgotha," was the result of his inspiration. This oratorio was successfully produced in Minneapolis and St. Paul, with a trained chorus of three hundred voices. In 1905, 1906 and 1907, he was director of music in Gustavus Adolphus College. He is at present teaching in Minneapolis, and holding the position of organist at the Lutheran Augustana church. His compositions include two organ sonatas, the first now being played by several of the prominent organists of the country, solos for piano, voice, male chorus and mixed chorus numbers.

Rev. Louis G. Almen.—Throughout the length and breadth of Nicollet county no finer representative of the energetic, progressive and public-spirited Swedish citizens can be found than Rev. Louis G. Almen, of St. Peter. A regularly ordained minister of the Swedish Lutheran church, he is a powerful and magnetic speaker, one of the ablest par-

liamentarians in the Conference, and is both prominent and influential in the denomination to which he belongs. He has always taken an intelligent interest in the temperance cause, and is known far and wide as one of its strongest advocates in this part of the state. A Swede by birth and breeding, he was born, March 30, 1846, in Tässö, Dalsland, Sweden, where his parents, Per Peterson and Mary (Anderson) Almen, spent their entire lives, being engaged in farming.

Brought up and educated in Sweden, Louis G. Almen remained in his native land until twenty-four years of age. Coming to the United States in 1870, he was for about two years and a half employed as a common laborer and contractor in railroad construction and logging in Minnesota and Wisconsin. In 1873, wishing to prepare himself for a professional career, Mr. Almen entered Augustana College, at Rock Island, Illinois, and after three years and a half of close application to his studies was graduated, in 1876, from the Theological Department. The following three years he had charge of the Swedish Lutheran church at Beaver, Iroquois county, Illinois, and the next year traveled as a missionary through Renville, Chippewa, Yellow Medicine and Lac qui Parle counties, Minnesota, doing a noteworthy work for his denomination. Accepting then a call to New London, Minnesota, Mr. Almen continued there as pastor of the Swedish Lutheran church until 1893, when he accepted a call to Balaton, Lyon county, where for twelve consecutive years he filled the pulpit most successfully. Locating in St. Peter on December 20, 1905, Mr. Almen has since been a resident of this city, and for the past four years has been successfully engaged in soliciting funds for building and endowment for Gustavus Adolphus College, the leading institution of the kind in the Northwest. For twelve years Mr. Almen was editor of the church and temperance departments of *Skaffaren,* the semi-official organ of the Swedish Lutheran Minnesota Conference, in that capacity greatly advancing the work in which he was engaged.

On December 1, 1876, Rev. Mr. Almen married Alice C. Johnson, daughter of August C. and Louise Johnson, of Graceville, Minnesota, where both Mr. and Mrs. Johnson died in 1906. The union of Mr. and Mrs. Johnson has been blessed by the birth of ten children, namely: Hannah Theodora, born November 24, 1877, who is a school teacher in Watertown, Carver county, and also organist of the church; Louisa Victoria, born June 2, 1879, married Prof. G. H. Towley, principal of the Commercial Department of Gustavus Adolphus College; Gustaf Theodore, born July 30, 1881, now principal in a commercial school at Thief River Falls, Minnesota, married, in September, 1908, Martha Margaret Curtis; Bertha Alethea, born May 17, 1883; Christine Constantia, deceased, was born May 5, 1885; Ansgar Laurentius, born March 8, 1887; Minnie Elizabeth, born May 24, 1889; Carl John Wilhelm, born September 17, 1891; Edith Maria Sophia, born July 12, 1893; and Alphonsus Peter Constantine, born December 23, 1895. These children

have all been given excellent educational advantages, completing their studies at Gustavus Adolphus College. Politically Mr. Almen is an independent Republican.

Theodore Ferdinand Bergquist, an enterprising merchant of Lafayette, Minnesota, was born at St. Peter, Nicollet county, Minnesota, March 10, 1879, and is a son of Charles Frederick and Emma (Apelquist) Bergquist, of Winthrop, Minnesota, given further mention elsewhere in this work. Theodore Bergquist received his education in the public schools of Winthrop and Minneapolis, and took a year's course at the commercial department of the Gustavus Adolphus College, of St. Peter. He removed to Lafayette in 1896, on the day the town was first started, and has since resided there, engaged in the lumber, hardware and machinery business. He is a man of keen business instincts, honest and industrious, and has met a well-earned success. He takes an active interest in public affairs and has served as a member of the village council. He is a member and treasurer of the Swedish Lutheran church, and is a Republican.

Mr. Bergquist was united in marriage, June 28, 1906, with Carrie S. Erickson, daughter of John H. Erickson, of Bernadotte, Minnesota, and they have been blessed with one son, whom they have named Stuart Theodore, and one daughter, Carol Cassie.

Rev. Carl Bernhard Leonard Boman, Bernadotte, pastor of the Swedish Lutheran church, was born at Garpenberg socken, Dalarne, Sweden, November 15, 1849, and is a son of Anton and Margreta Elisabeth Boman, the former a tailor, who lived and died in Sweden. Of their eight children, but two survive, namely: Bror Knut, a lieutenant in the Swedish army, and Carl B. L.

Reverend Boman studied until 1873 in his native country, and then came to the United States and attended Augustana College at Paxton, Illinois, until 1875, and at Rock Island until 1877. He was ordained a minister of the Swedish Lutheran church in Jamestown, New York, in 1876. While pursuing his studies he served congregations at Clinton, Iowa, and Sterling, Illinois. His first charge after ordination was Salem church, in Chicago, where he remained nine years, rebuilding the church. He then spent three years at Carver and East Union, Minnesota, and spent two years at St. Peter. He spent over fourteen years at Stockholm, Wright county, Minnesota, and since August, 1905, has been pastor of the church at Bernadotte, Nicollet county, Minnesota.

While living in Chicago Reverend Boman was a member of the executive committee of the Swedish Illinois Conference. He was one of the incorporators of the Augustana Hospital. He has been a member of the board of directors of Gustavus Adolphus College for eight years, and is at present a member of the board of trustees and of the executive com-

mittee of the building committee of the Gustavus Adolphus College, and of the board of foreign missions in China. He has been a member of the board of trustees of the Bethesda Hospital, St. Paul, Minnesota. In political views he is an independent Republican. Reverend Boman is a man of great influence and prominence, not only in the state, but throughout the church in which he is a worker. He is one of those who is "never weary of well-doing," and universally esteemed and respected.

He married, June 6, 1877, Ida Sophia Romvall, of Carver county, Minnesota, and their children are: Hannah, married A. E. Johnson, manager of three factories in Rockford, Illinois, who has three children, Ralph, Philip (deceased) and Lloyd; Ida Leontine, married Dr. Stolpestad, of Lafayette, and has two children, Herbert and Armour Harold; Carl Emanuel, a graduate of the University of Minnesota, and electrical engineer for the Bell Telephone Company, at New York City; Bernhard S., travels for Rockford Furniture Company; Lily B., and Alma S., school teachers; Paul, at home, and Lily, who died at the age of two years. Rev. Mr. Boman has put in pulpits and altars of his own design in fifty-one churches.

Rev. Sven August Lindholm, the pastor of the Swedish Lutheran church at LaFayette, was born in Morlunda parish, Småland, Sweden, August 17, 1852. He received his education in the public schools of his native country, and came to the United States in 1869, remaining in DeKalb, Illinois, until the autumn of 1870. For three years thereafter he attended St. Ansgarius Academy at Carver, Minnesota, in 1873 entered Augustana College and Theological Seminary, then located at Paxton, Illinois, and in 1875 at Rock Island. After having finished his theological course, he was ordained at Princeton, Illinois, in 1878, as a minister of the gospel of the Lutheran Church by the Augustana Synod. His first charge was at Dahlsborg, South Dakota, where for one year he also had charge of two other congregations; failing health led him then to accept a call to Lake City, Minnesota, in 1879, remaining there until 1884. He then removed to Mead, Nebraska, as he thought a milder climate would benefit his health, where he remained four years, and during that period built an eight thousand dollar church. He spent two years at Lake Park, Minnesota, and from 1890 until 1895 was stationed at Moorhead, Minnesota, meanwhile organizing a congregation and building a church at Fargo, North Dakota. At Comstock and Krogness, Minnesota, he also worked during this time, so that congregations soon were established in both places. In 1895 he located at Tripolis, Kandiyohi county, was instrumental in the rebuilding and renovation of the church and school, and remained there until 1907, since which time he has been at LaFayette. Reverend Lindholm is a man of unusual talent and eloquence, and has written many fine articles for publication. For some time he edited a department devoted to the interest of the church for the *Minnesota Stats-Tidning,* and has since been a constant correspond-

ent for that publication. He was elected three times secretary of the Minnesota Conference of the Augustana Synod of North America, one of the Synods constituting the general council of the Lutheran church, the first time February 1, 1880, and was appointed the first secretary of the Nebraska Conference, when it was organized over twenty years ago. He was again elected secretary of the Minnesota Conference in 1906, and has since been re-elected every year. In political views he is an independent Republican. He has taken an active part in the educational work within the church. He served for a number of years as member of the Board of Trustees of Luther Academy, Wahoo, Nebraska. He has also served on the Board of Directors of Gustavus Adolphus College, St. Peter, Minnesota, and was selected secretary of that body for a number of years. He has been for a long time and is now member of the Board of Trustees for the Ministerial Aid Fund of the Augustana Synod. As secretary for this body he has through the press and otherwise accomplished not a little for the advancement of the cause of this important institution.

The Reverend Lindholm married, June 25, 1878, in Chicago, Miss Alfreda Cedar, a native of Nordkoping, Sweden, and they have children as follows: Fridolph, a member of Minneapolis Symphony Orchestra; Alfreda, a music teacher; Olga A., married Frank A. Martin, a real estate dealer at Albuquerque, New Mexico; Edith O., a graduate of St. Cloud Normal School, teaching at Hutchinson, and later at Dayton, Washington; Hedvig E., a graduate of the Normal School at St. Cloud, and now teaching in the high school at Stewart, Minnesota; Gotthard, a student at Gustavus Adolphus College, St. Peter, Minnesota.

H. J. Gouldberg, of the firm of Gouldberg & Anderson, of Cambridge, was born at Boda socken, Dalarne, Sweden, July 8, 1850, and is the son of Hans and Anna Gouldberg, both natives of Sweden. Hans Gouldberg was born in 1821 and died in 1894, and his wife was born in 1828 and died in 1906; they lived on a farm. In 1866 they came to the United States, locating near Cambridge, where they purchased a farm and lived on it until they retired from active life, when they moved to Cambridge. Their only child was Hans J.

Hans J. Gouldberg received his education in the public schools of Sweden, and came to the United States with his parents at the age of sixteen years, remaining eight years on his father's farm. In 1874 Mr. Gouldberg began learning the trade of carpenter and cabinet maker, after which he started in business in partnership with Jonas Olson, in a general store at Cambridge, under the firm name of Gouldberg & Olson. September 16, 1876, Mr. Olson's interest was purchased by D. O. Anderson, and the name changed to Gouldberg & Anderson, since that time doing a flourishing business. Both members of the firm are shrewd and active business men, and they have met with pleasing success. Mr. Gouldberg is independent in his political views, and served five years

as postmaster of Cambridge. He is a member of the village council, and belongs to the Knights of Pythias.

Mr. Gouldberg married, June 8, 1874, Anna Anderson, and they have children as follows: Edwin, a plumber and tinsmith, residing at Cambridge; Geneva, married G. G. Goodwin, mentioned in another place in this work; Theresa, a stenographer in the employ of her father; and Lillette, attending the public school.

Godfrey G. Goodwin, a prominent attorney of Cambridge, was born at Scandian Grove, Minnesota, January 11, 1873, and is the son of Gustof and Cecelia Goodwin, both natives of Sweden, where they carried on a farm. His mother came to the United States in 1872, locating at Vasa, Minnesota, and Mr. Goodwin received his early education in the public and high schools of St. Paul, Minnesota. He graduated from the academic department of the University of Minnesota, in 1895, and one year later graduated from the department of law.

He has since been in successful practice of his profession at Cambridge, where he has built up a reputation. He served from 1899 until 1907 as attorney of Isanti county, and served two terms as president of the village council. He has also served as president of the school board. Mr. Goodwin is public-spirited and progressive, and in political views is a Republican. He is a member of the Swedish Lutheran church. He married, June 5, 1905, Geneva, daughter of H. J. Gouldberg, of Cambridge, and they are the parents of one son, Nathaniel.

Andrew E. Löfstrom, of Cambridge, was born at Jemtland, Ostersund, Sweden, March 23, 1864, and is the son of Eric and Anna Mortenson, both natives of Sweden, who lived on a farm, and died in their native country. They had children as follows: Morton, resides in Sweden; Katherina, deceased; Britta, resides in Sweden; Sigrid, Anna and Edward, deceased; and Andrew E.

Andrew E. Löfstrom was educated in Sweden and came to the United States in 1882, locating at Cambridge. He worked one summer on the railroad, and then spent four years as stationary engineer, after which for three years he was miller in a flour mill. He next worked in lumber yards and later in a brick yard. In 1904 Mr. Löfstrom built a brick blacksmith, machine and repair shop at Cambridge, and has the leading business of this nature in Isanti county. By his diligence and close attention to his work he has built up a good custom, and being a first-class mechanic in his line, he has been very successful in this enterprise. In political views Mr. Löfstrom is an adherent of the Republican party, and he is a member of the Swedish Lutheran church.

Mr. Löfstrom married, October 24, 1892, Anna Moline, of Dalarne, Sweden, and they have children as follows: Martin, Joseph, Arthur, Lawrence and Andreas.

JOHN ENGBERG, Register of Deeds of Isanti county was born September 6, 1858, at Sundsvall, Wester-Norlands län, Sweden, and is the son of Olof and Sarah Katrina (Forsberg) Engberg, both natives of Sweden. Olof Engberg was in comfortable circumstances, being engaged in business in the several lines of glass manufacture, lumber dealer and saw mill owner and operator, besides being a minister of the gospel. He came to the United States in 1887 and located in Isanti county, where he now resides, retired from active life. Of his thirteen children, the following five survive: Axel, employed in a mill at Minneapolis; John; Elise, married Louis Rask, a farmer; Lily, married Gustaf R. Wallgren, a cutter, residing at Goshen, Indiana; and Hulda, married Reverend O. Lind, minister of the Swedish Baptist church, at Dalbo, Minnesota.

John Engberg, of Cambridge, received his education in the public schools of his native country, and then spent two years in the machinery department of a boat building firm. He came to the United States in 1879, and until the fall of 1880 was employed as clerk in a grocery store, in Chicago. He then spent one year in a hotel in Brooklyn, New York, after which he removed to Minneapolis, where for some years he worked as grocery clerk. In 1890 he engaged in business on his own account, in the grocery line, and two years later sold his interests and removed to Cambridge, where for a period of ten years he remained in the employ of a general store in that town. He is much interested in public affairs, and in political views is an adherent of the Republican party. He is enterprising and progressive in his ideas, and since 1902 has held the office of County Register of Deeds, ably filled by him.

Mr. Engberg married, August 7, 1886, Hilda Johnson, a native of Sweden, who came to America in 1880, and they became the parents of children as follows: Edward J., attending the University of Minnesota; Vernie O., a clerk in the employ of the United States Postal Service; Ellen E., residing at home, and Leroy, attending school at Cambridge. The family are attendants of the Swedish Baptist church.

REV. JOHN HENRY NELSON, pastor of the Swedish Lutheran church of Cambridge, was born near Christianstad, Skåne, Sweden, September 9, 1862, and is the son of Peter and Christina Nelson, both natives of Sweden. His parents were people of considerable wealth, owning an estate, and were interested in various enterprises in their native country. They came to the United States in 1868, locating at Council Bluffs, Iowa, where Peter Nelson was engaged for about five years in railroad construction. In 1873 they removed to Kansas and engaged in farming, remaining until 1880, at which time they removed to Dalesburg, South Dakota, where they engaged in farming. In 1886 they removed to Worthington, Minnesota, where Mrs. Nelson died in 1895, and Mr. Nelson, February 1, 1903. They had five children, namely: Hanna, married John Ledene, of Fergus Falls, Minnesota, now retired; Cary, married N. E. Carlson, a farmer at Dalesburg, South Dakota, Anna, mar-

ried H. A. Hemming, a farmer at Dalesburg; John Henry; and Sigrid, died at the age of twenty-four.

John Henry Nelson came to America in 1870 and received his early education at Council Bluffs, Iowa, and Hiawatha, Kansas; he entered Gustavus Adolphus College in 1884, graduating in 1892. Later he was graduated from the Theological Seminary of Augustana College, Rock Island, Illinois, and in June, 1894, at St. Peter, was ordained a minister of the Swedish Lutheran church and stationed at Sacred Heart, Minnesota. For eight years Reverend Nelson was in charge of the church at Sacred Heart, from 1902 until 1905 he officiated at the church at Bernadotte, and since that time has been located at Cambridge. Reverened Nelson has devoted his best gifts and energies to his chosen field of labor, and has won the respect and affection of all who know him. He takes a keen interest in the progress and development of the state, as well as town and county, and is a member of the State Board of Directors of the Anti-Saloon League; he is always an active worker in the cause of temperance, and gives his influence in its interests whenever possible. He has for many years been a member of the Board of Directors of Gustavus Adolphus College. In 1897 he and his wife made an extensive tour of Europe.

Reverend Nelson married, November 28, 1894, Carolina, daughter of Andrew Dahlgren, of Minneapolis, and they are parents of children as follows: Ruth Eleanor, born November 23, 1898; Lawrence John, born September 27, 1901, and Mildred Caroline, born November 4, 1906.

A. Hans Southerland, a prominent attorney of Cambridge, and judge of probate of Isanti county, was born at Boda socken, Dalarne, Sweden, September 14, 1862, and is the son of Andreas Hans and Christine (Andersdoter) Hanson, both natives of Dalarne, and who lived on a farm. He was their only child; his mother, who was born in 1839, died in 1869, and his father married (second) Elizabeth Ericsdoter, by whom he had children as follows: Andrew, a brick mason of Minneapolis; Eric, a mason, living in Denver; Olof, a graduate of Upsala and Stockholm, teacher of music and other branches in Sweden; Jonas, carrying on the farm of his father; and Bessie, at home; Christine and Annie, married and living in Dalarne.

A. Hans Southerland received his education in the public schools of Sweden, and May 18, 1882, arrived in Cambridge, where he had come direct from Sweden. He obtained employment the first summer on the railroad between Hinckley and St. Cloud, and the following winter worked at lumbering. The second winter he attended school at Cambridge, and for the next three years was employed as clerk in the store of Gouldberg & Anderson, at Cambridge. He then attended the Curtis Business College at Minneapolis, after which he returned to Cambridge, in 1887, and was employed as book-keeper by Gouldberg & Anderson, remaining with them until 1891. Being of an ambitious nature, and

imbued with the desire for further education, Mr. Southerland entered the University of Minnesota, graduating from the law department, in 1895; he then returned to Cambridge, where he entered partnership with H. F. Barker, under the firm name of Barker & Southerland, which lasted until December, 1903. During that time Mr. Southerland served one term as county attorney. He spent one year in successful practice by himself, and in January, 1905, took the post of judge of probate, which he has since held continuously. In political views he is a Republican, and he attends the Swedish Baptist church. Mr. Southerland served four years as president of the village council of Cambridge. He also served one term as a member of the Republican State Central Committee. He is a member of the Modern Woodmen of America, also the Knights of Pythias. Mr. Southerland has one daughter, Mae, attending school at Morris, Minnesota.

Norelius Brothers.—The firm of Norelius Brothers, Isanti, Minnesota, is composed of Edward and Albert Norelius, sons of Peter and Anna Norelius, natives of Helsingland, Sweden. In 1853, Peter Norelius emigrated to this country and at first settled in Chicago, where he spent one year. Then he moved to a farm in Chisago county, Minnesota, thence to Vasa, Goodhue county, and in 1859 to Isanti county, where he purchased a farm, on which he spent the rest of his life and died. He and his wife were the parents of ten children, five of whom are now living, namely: Andrew, a Canadian farmer; Hans, a farmer in Isanti county, Minnesota; Edward and Albert, above referred to, and Horace, on the old homestead in Isanti county.

Edward Norelius was born on his father's farm in Isanti county, Minnesota, May 30, 1860; was educated in the common schools of the county, and until 1900 was occupied in farming. That year he engaged in general merchandising in Isanti, and conducted business alone until 1903, when his brother Albert became his partner. In 1882, Edward married Miss Anna Lundquist, of Isanti county, by whom he had one child, Marion, now deceased. This wife died in 1885, and in 1888 he married Miss Elizabeth Eastlund, also of Isanti county. The children of their union are Mabel, Florence, Rudolph, Carl and Evelyn. The last named died in 1904.

Albert Norelius, like his brother, was born and reared on his father's farm in Isanti county, the date of his birth being October 11, 1865, and in his youth he had the advantage of the common schools. Until 1896, he carried on farming. That year he was elected Register of Deeds of Isanti county, which office he filled for a term of six years, and during that time he made a wide acquaintance over the country. At the expiration of his official term, he entered into partnership with his brother Edward, in a general store at Isanti, where he has since been engaged in a prosperous business. October 5, 1904, he married Kate Eastlund, of his own county.

Fraternally both he and his brother Edward are identified with the Modern Woodmen of America, and, politically, they affiliate with the Republican party, Edward also having served officially in various town and village offices.

Gustaf C. Olson.—Gustaf C. Olson, lumber dealer, Isanti, Minnesota, was born March 22, 1877, in Dalsland, Sweden, son of Carl and Anna Olson. Carl Olson, a farmer by occupation, emigrated to this country in 1882, and settled on a homestead in Bradford township, Isanti county, in Minnesota, where he still lives. His wife, Anna, died in 1890, at the age of thirty-eight years. She left three children; Gustaf C., the subject of this sketch; William, now deceased; Amelia, at home with her father.

After receiving a common school education in this country, Gustaf C. Olson turned his attention to general merchandising at Bradford, Minnesota, and was engaged in business there four years, after which, in 1902, he came to his present location at Isanti. Here, in partnership with O. L. Lundberg, he entered the lumber business, under the firm name of the Isanti Lumber Company, and has since continued to maintain a prosperous business.

May 11, 1904, Mr. Olson married Miss Viola Hagen, of Watertown, Wisconsin, and they have one son, Arthur. Mr. Olson is a Republican, and at this writing is the village recorder. Fraternally he is identified with the Modern Woodmen of America.

Swen Asplund, of Lake City, Minnesota, was born in Vermland, Sweden, March 28, 1849, and is a son of Anders and Maria (Persdoter) Erickson, farmers of Vermland, where they lived and died. Their eight children are: Eric, Per, Anders, Swen, Johan, Carolina, Anna Maria and Brita Christina. Swen Asplund was educated in the public schools of his native country, and followed the occupation of farming until he came to the United States, in 1869. He located in Lake City and worked as brick and stone mason and plasterer, for five years. He afterwards spent many years in farming. In 1895 Mr. Asplund engaged in the mercantile business in Lake City, in partnership with his son, A. W. Asplund, given further mention elsewhere in this work, and they continued eleven years, under the firm name of S. Asplund & Son. He retired from active business in 1906, selling his interest to his sons Emil and David; the firm now does business under the name of Asplund Brothers.

Mr. Asplund is a member of the Swedish Lutheran church and was for many years a deacon. He is a Republican in politics. He takes no active part in the work of his farm, which consists of five hundred acres of well improved land. He married, July 1, 1869, Maria Erickson, of Vermland, Sweden, and they became parents of twelve children, namely: A. W., of Pine City, Minnesota; V. O. Albert, a farmer living in North

Dakota; Maria, a stenographer, living in North Dakota; Anna E., married Professor C. E. Sjostrand, of Warren, Minnesota; Emil E. and David E., in business in Lake City; Esther Cecilia, a music teacher; Dina Alfreda, a student at Gustavus Adolphus College, at St. Peter; Ellen Eugenia, died September 11, 1907; Lydia Lavinia, a student; and Eric and Swan, deceased.

Emil E. Asplund was born in Wabasha county, Minnesota, January 19, 1880, and received his education in the public schools and commercial college of Lake City. He worked on a farm for a time and then entered the employ of his father in the general store at Lake City, having previously had charge of the farm for two years. He worked in the store a year and a half, and in 1901, when A. W. Asplund retired, the firm continued until 1903 under the name of S. Asplund. In 1903 Emil and David became members of the firm, and the firm became S. Asplund & Sons, which continued until February 1, 1906, when the father retired. Since that time the business has been carried on by Emil and David, under the firm name of Apslund Brothers. They keep a line of general merchandise and carry a large stock of high-class goods. The members of this firm are wide-awake, enterprising and industrious, and business-like in their methods. Emil Asplund married, June 24, 1908, Esther M. Swenson, daughter of John Swenson, of St. Peter, Minnesota. He is a member of the Swedish Lutheran church and a Republican; also belongs to the Lake City Commercial Club and the Swedish Sick Aid Society.

David Asplund, the youngest son of Swen Asplund, was born in Wabasha county, Minnesota, March 18, 1882, and received his education in the public schools, and at the age of fourteen entered the store at Lake City, where he remained two years. He took a course in a business college and returned to work in the store. Since 1902 he has done all the buying for the firm, of which he is a member. He is a member of the Swedish Lutheran church, and in politics a Republican. He also belongs to the Equitable Fraternal Union, Commercial Club of Lake City, Lake Pepin Yachting Club and the Swedish Sick Aid Society.

Peter Sundberg, a successful shoe dealer of Lake City, was born in Sunne socken, Vermland, Sweden, August 12, 1839, and is a son of Peter and Karin Peterson, farmers of Vermland. They had five children, namely: Lars, died at the age of twenty-eight; Nils, died in Lake City, in 1906; Peter; Katerina, deceased; and Christina, who married Jan Janssen, a farmer in Sweden.

Peter Sundberg received his education in the public schools of his native land, and learned the trade of shoemaker. He came to the United States in 1869 and located at Lake City, where he has since followed his trade. In 1887 he took as partner Nils Hallin, and they have the firm name of P. Sundberg & Company. They carry a stock worth about six thousand dollars, and have a fine line of high-grade shoes. Mr. Sund-

berg is an industrious and enterprising merchant and pays careful attention to the wants of his customers. He is a member and deacon in the Swedish Lutheran church, and has been for forty years; he is an adherent of the Republican party and a member of the Swedish Sick Aid Society. He is interested in public affairs and all movements for the progress and improvement of the town.

Mr. Sundberg married, November 16, 1871, Hannah Peterson, of Westmanland, Sweden, and their four children are as follows: Claus Victor and Axel Theodore, both druggists of St. Paul; Hilma A., deceased, and Edith, at home.

Rev. Oscar Julius Nelson, pastor of the Swedish Lutheran church at Lake City, Minnesota, was born at Pecatonica, Illinois, October 26, 1876, son of J. M. and Matilda (Johnson) Nelson, natives of Småland, Sweden. J. M. Nelson came to the United States in 1868, at the age of thirty years, and settled first at Rockford, Illinois. He had the advantage of a good education in Sweden, for six years being a student at Vexiö, and after he came to this country was engaged in teaching school at Rockford, Illinois. Subsequently he took up the study of theology, and pursued a course at Augustana College, Paxton, Illinois, and in 1873 was ordained a minister of the Swedish Lutheran Augustana Synod and took up his work as pastor of the Swedish Lutheran church at Pecatonica, Illinois, in the summer of 1873. He died at Pecatonica in 1877. He and his wife were the parents of three children: C. J. Carl, a Swedish Lutheran minister of Marinette, Wisconsin; Gustaf, who died in childhood, and Oscar Julius.

In the public schools of Rockford, Illinois, Oscar J. received his early training. Then he entered the preparatory department at Augustana College, Rock Island, and spent eleven years at that institution, taking the regular college and theological courses and devoting one year to music. In 1902, he was ordained, and immediately afterward he entered upon the work of the ministry as pastor of the Swedish Lutheran church at Sacred Heart, where he remained until the summer of 1909, when he took charge of the Swedish Lutheran church at Lake City. Rev. Mr. Nelson's mother resides with him. His political views harmonize with those of the Independent Republicans.

August Elof Johnson, M. D., of Isanti, Minnesota, was born at Refteled socken, Jönköpings Län, Småland, Sweden, June 5, 1869, son of Johannes Anderson and Caroline Erickson, his wife, farming people of Småland. He is the eldest of his father's three children, the others being Ida Christina, in Sweden, and Louise, who died at the age of nineteen years. The father died in 1875, and the mother subsequently became the wife of Carl Anderson of Småland, by whom she had six children, namely: John Ander, Carl Anton, Alma, Selma, Anna, and Linnea, all

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residents of Sweden, with the exception of Selma, who lives in Minneapolis.

August E. attended the common schools of his native land, and for one year was employed there as a common laborer. In 1888, at the age of nineteen, he came to America, and in Minneapolis began working for the street railway company, with which he remained a year and a half, after which he was for three years employed in a clothing house, and a year and a half in a sash and door factory. During this time he felt the need of better educational equipment, and in 1899 he entered the Minneapolis Academy, where he was a student two years. Then he entered the Hamline School of Physicians and Surgeons, where he graduated in 1906. The year following his graduation, he spent as interne at the Swedish Hospital in Minneapolis. In 1907, he settled at Isanti, and has since been engaged in the practice of his profession here. He is health officer of the town.

October 27, 1908, Doctor Johnson married Miss Ida Louise Johnson, daughter of Jonas Swenson of Minneapolis. Fraternally, the doctor is identified with the I. O. O. F., the M. W. of A., and the A. F. & A. M., and, politically, he is an independent.

Andrew Peterson.—As proprietor of one of the leading tailoring establishments of Anoka county, Andrew Peterson, of Anoka, has acquired an enviable reputation for the excellence, durability and style of his work, and by industry, good management, and close attention to the demands of his numerous customers has built up a noteworthy trade. A son of Peter Petterson, he was born, December 13, 1862, in Hjemtland, Sweden. His father, a farmer through life, was twice married. By his first wife, whose Christian name was Carrie, he had four children, Lars, now deceased; John; Peter; and Ole; anl these three still reside in their native country. By his second wife, Annie ———, he had six children, namely: Cary, wife of Carl Wickstad, of Sweden; Jonas, engaged in farming in the old country; Andrew, the subject of this sketch; Peter, living in Michigan; Stephen, a resident of Sweden; and Mary, wife of a Mr. Johnson, of Småland, Sweden.

Educated in his native land, Andrew Peterson there learned the tailor's trade, which he followed in Sweden for four years. Making up his mind then to seek another location, he came to America in 1892, located immediately upon his arrival in Anoka, where, since 1905, he has been engaged in the tailoring business on his own account, in the management of his shop meeting with satisfactory success.

Mr. Peterson married, in August, 1908, Hulda Caroline Anderson, of Cambridge, Minnesota, and he and his estimable wife have won for themselves an assured position in the community, being held in high regard by all. Religiously Mr. Peterson is a member of the Swedish Lutheran church, and politically he is an independent Republican, voting with the courage of his convictions for the best men and measures.

August Anderson.—A well-known and highly respected resident of Anoka, Anoka county, August Anderson is numbered among the active business men who are contributing largely toward the development of its leading interests, being prosperously engaged in the retail shoe trade. A son of Anders and Stina Person, he was born, September 17, 1869, in Vermland, Sweden, being one of a family of four children, namely: Christina, wife of Mr. Qvarnstrom, of Sweden; Gustaf, living in Sweden; Clara, a resident of California, and August. Anders Person, a shoemaker by trade, served for thirty years in the Swedish army, his name as a soldier having been Ryman.

After completing his early studies in the public schools, August Anderson learned the shoemaker's trade, becoming an expert at it. As soon as he was of age, he emigrated to America, arriving in this country in 1890. He spent the ensuing year in Fort Wayne, Indiana, and then located in Minneapolis, Minnesota, where he followed his trade successfully for seven years. Coming then to Anoka county, Mr. Anderson opened a shoe store in Anoka, and has here built up a substantial retail business in that line, being one of the leading shoe merchants in this part of the state.

On December 8, 1895, Mr. Anderson married Maria Peterson, and they are the parents of three children, namely: Agnes, born in 1896; Ruby, born in 1900; and Waldo, born in 1904. A strong advocate of the temperance cause, Mr. Anderson is a stanch adherent of the Prohibition party. Religiously he belongs to the Swedish Mission church, of which he is the organist and song leader. In the Sunday School he has served as superintendent for ten years, and is a firm believer in teaching the children in the Holy Bible.

Emil W. Olson.—A man of sterling integrity and worth, possessing undoubted financial and executive ability, Emil W. Olson, of Winthrop, occupies a prominent position among the American-born Swedes of Southern Minnesota, where he is widely known in connection with various banking institutions, more especially as cashier of the First National Bank of Winthrop. A native of Sibley county, he was born, January 9, 1875, near Winthrop, a son of John W. Olson.

Born in Dalarne, Sweden, John W. Olson emigrated to America in 1868, coming directly to Sibley county, Minnesota, where he has since been prosperously employed in agricultural pursuits, being now the owner of a fine farm near Winthrop. He is an influential member of the Swedish Lutheran church, of which he has been deacon for many years, and in politics is affiliated with the Republican party. He married Lottie Kulander, who was born in Vestergötland, Sweden, and to them five children have been born, as follows: Emil W., the subject of this sketch; August W., engaged in farming in Sibley county; Carl Oscar, also a farmer in this county; Arthur Ludwig, born May 5, 1884, was graduated from the Commercial Department of Gustavus Adolphus Col-

lege, and since 1903 has been associated with the First National Bank of Winthrop, at the present time being assistant cashier; and Esther, living at home. All of these children belong to the Swedish Lutheran church, Arthur L. being its treasurer.

After finishing the course of study in the common schools, Emil W. Olson spent two years, from 1892 until 1894, in Gustavus Adolphus College, after which he took a two years' commercial course in Minneapolis, thus preparing himself for a business career. From 1896 until 1900 Mr. Olson was engaged in the furniture business at Winthrop, being junior partner of the firm of Kulander & Olson. The ensuing three years he was engaged in the grain business, operating an elevator. In 1903, when the First National Bank was organized, he made his first venture in banking, and two years later, in 1905, he, with other stockholders, took over the stock of this bank, and it was reorganized with the following-named officers: J. August Swanson, president; William Klossner, vice president; Emil W. Olson, cashier; and Arthur L. Olson, assistant cashier. Under the efficient management of these able business men, the institution is in a flourishing condition, Mr. Olson as cashier performing well his share in maintaining its substantial standing in financial circles. Mr. Olson also organized the Farmers' State Bank at Atwater, Minnesota, and the Farmers' State Bank at Almont, North Dakota, both of which are exceedingly prosperous institutions.

Mr. Olson married, October 28, 1896, Miss Hilda Asp, daughter of Gustaf Asp, farmer, living in Lafayette, Minnesota. Four children have blessed the union of Mr. and Mrs. Olson, namely: Edith, Laura, Mildred and Leonard. A member of the Swedish Lutheran church, Mr. Olson has been its organist for the past ten years. Politically he is identified with the Republican party, and has served as an alderman, and as a member of the local school board.

Carl J. Bergquist.—Especially worthy of mention in a work of this character is Carl J. Bergquist, well known in Winthrop and vicinity as a skillful and capable tailor, whose success in life is due entirely to his own unaided efforts. Like so many of the most valued and respected citizens of Sibley county, he is of foreign birth, having been born, November 15, 1855, in Son socken, Östergötland, Sweden. His parents John Peterson and Johanna Uhransdoter, were life-long residents of the same place, the father being a tailor by occupation.

Spending his earlier years in his native country, Mr. Bergquist obtained a good common school education, and under his father's instructions became familiar with the details of tailoring. Not content, however, with the pecuniary results of his work, he sought for a more advantageous opportunity to advance his finances in America, coming to Minnesota in 1874, when nineteen years of age. Locating in St. Paul, he followed his trade in that city until 1887, when he removed to Winthrop,

where he has since worked up a fine line of patronage. He devotes his entire time and attention to his business, endeavoring in all respects to please his numerous customers, and is meeting with deserved success.

Mr. Bergquist married Matilda Kulander, of St. Paul, and they have one child, Laura Florence, an accomplished and talented musician, now engaged as a music teacher. Politically Mr. Bergquist is identified with the Republican party, and religiously he is a member of the Swedish Lutheran church.

John P. Quist.—A lad still in his teens when he came from Sweden to this country, poor in pocket, but rich in ambition and resolution, John P. Quist has steadily climber the ladder of success, with the brave persistency and determination characteristic of his people surmounting all obstacles, and is now numbered among the substantial and respected citizens of Winthrop, Sibley county, where he is carrying on a successful mercantile business. A son of Per and Karna Quist, he was born, September 13, 1847, in Skåne, Sweden, being a brother of Peter P. Quist, of Minneapolis, of whom a sketch may be found on another page of this volume.

Receiving his early education in the common schools of his native land, John P. Quist subsequently there learned the tailor's trade, at which he worked as a journeyman for about five years. Emigrating to America in 1864, he worked as a farm hand near St. Peter, this state, until 1871, in the meantime gaining a practical knowledge of the various branches of agriculture. He was afterwards employed in farming on his own account for eleven years, meeting with excellent results. Moving then to Winthrop, he formed a partnership with his brother, Peter P. Quist, with whom from that time until 1893 he was engaged in business as a dealer in hardware and farm implements. Embarking then in the grain business, Mr. Quist bought and sold grain of all kinds, and operated an elevator, for eleven years. In 1904 he established his present business, and has since dealt extensively in furniture, having gained a large and remunerative trade in this part of the county.

Mr. Quist married, November 2, 1871, Helen Louisa Paulson, of Nicollet county. She died November 2, 1898, the anniversary of her wedding day, leaving nine children, namely: Anna Maria, wife of Alfred A. Anderson, of Winthrop, a drayman; Hilda Carnelia, wife of F. W. Lindquist, a harness maker in Winthrop; Amelia, living at home; Aaron Emanuel, engaged in farming in Chisago country, married Anna Cedarholm; Amanda Eleanor, a trained nurse, resides in Biwabik; William, of Stillwater, married Mattie Knable; and Nellie Carolina, Alice Victoria and Esther Louisa, at home. Mr. Quist is an active and consistent member of the Swedish Lutheran church, and has charge of the cemetery belonging to that denomination. He is a sound Republican in politics, and for a number of terms served as county commissioner.

JOHN GRUNLUND.—An enterprising and progressive business man, and a worthy representative of the prosperous and respected Swedish citizens of Sibley county, John Grunlund is actively identified with the mercantile interests of Winthrop, where he has a well-kept and well-managed general store. He was born, January 10, 1868, in Berga, Krbs län, Sweden, where he grew to man's estate. His parents, C. A. and Mary Grunlund, were born and reared in the same locality, and there the father still follows the occupation of a tanner, and there his eight children were born and brought up, their names being as follows: Carl Emil, employed as a painter in Stockholm, Sweden; Elizabeth, wife of Alphonse Reintjens, a baker, living in Minneapolis; Carl Knut, of Seattle, Washington, is a painter by trade; Mathilda Christina Wahlstrom, of San Francisco, California; Bettie Elvira, living in Minneapolis; Carl Edward, a publisher, residing in Minneapolis; John, the special subject of this brief sketch; and Hilma, wife of Claus Tornberg, a railway employe in Ljungby, Sweden.

Receiving good educational advantages when young, John Grunlund completed his school life in Stockholm, and was subsequently for seven years employed as a clerk in a mercantile establishment in Sweden, dealing in wall papers only. A young man of push and energy, alert to take advantage of offered opportunities for advancing his material welfare, he early determined to try life in the United States, where so many of his countrymen were exceedingly prosperous. He came, accordingly, in 1887, to Minnesota, and for fourteen years thereafter was engaged in the printing business in Minneapolis, from 1893 until 1896 being the publisher of a Swedish weekly paper called *Budkaflen*. Disposing of his interests there in 1901, Mr. Grunlund removed to Lamberton, Redwood county, where he carried on a successful business in general merchandise for five years. Locating in Winthrop in 1906, he opened a general store, which he has since managed with satisfactory pecuniary results, having won the confidence and esteem of his patrons by his prompt attention, courtesy, and upright methods of dealing.

Mr. Grunlund married, September 30, 1893, Selma Swanbeck, daughter of Peter J. Swanbeck, of Sweden, and of their union two children have been born, namely: Hjalmar C. J., and Russell H. E. In his political views Mr. Grunlund is independent, voting with the courage of his honest convictions, regardless of party prejudice. Fraternally he is a member of the Ancient Free and Accepted Masons; and of two of the leading local organizations of Minneapolis, the Swedish Brothers, and Gustavus Adolphus.

AUGUST L. ANDERSON.—A man of sterling integrity and worth, possessing unbounded energy, ability and push, August L. Anderson occupies a noteworthy position among the men of prominence and influence in Winthrop, Sibley county, at the present time serving as mayor of this

recently incorporated city, having the distinction of being the first to fill the chair. A native of Vestergötland, Sweden, he was born, April 23, 1863, in Lekasa socken. His parents, Anders and Johanna (Carlson) Anderson, were born, and lived and died in the same place, residing on a farm. They reared five children, as follows: Lotta, wife of Johannes Johnson, a farmer in Sweden; Majastina, wife of Carl Anderson, who is engaged in farming in Sweden; Christina, who married Carl Pehrson, a farmer in Sweden; Christina, wife of John Alumbaugh, M. D., of California; and August L., the subject of this biographical sketch.

Emigrating to this country in 1882, before attaining his majority, August L. Anderson took up his residence in Sibley county, near Winthrop, where he was employed as a farm laborer for five years. In 1888 he purchased land, and for eleven years was actively and successfully engaged in general farming. Moving to the village of Winthrop in 1899, Mr. Anderson has since carried on a thriving business in buying and selling grain. He has been active in the management of local affairs, was village trustee in 1904, president of the village in 1905 and 1906, and in 1908 was elected mayor of the city at the time of its incorporation, and is serving most satisfactorily to all concerned in this capacity. In 1907 and 1909 he was manager of the Winthrop Canning Company, and in 1908 was instrumental in securing for Winthrop its present creamery, of which he is the manager.

On July 11, 1888, Mr. Anderson married Mary E., daughter of Gust Larson, by whom he has had seven children, namely; Johanna Maria Elizabeth, who died February 20, 1909; Cordelia Amanda Olivia; Nestor Elias; Paul Augustinus; Moritz; Carl Ralph; and Elvira. Religiously Mr. Anderson, following in footsteps of his ancestors, is an active and valued member of the Swedish Lutheran church, of which for nine years, while he was a resident of Bernadotte, he was a trustee, and was also, in 1896 and 1897, a member of the building committee which erected the church. Politically he is a stanch Republican, and an energetic supporter of all enterprises conducive to the public welfare, and was largely influential in securing the city charter. For fifteen years he was a member of the school board, for six years serving as its treasurer.

John Chilstrom.—Conspicuous among the leading merchants of Sibley county is John Chilstrom, proprietor of a large and well-stocked general store in Winthrop. He is a man of mark and of recognized worth as a citizen, his business ability being unquestioned, and his character above reproach. Like so many of Minnesota's most valued citizens, he is foreign born, his birth having occurred, December 24, 1850, in Holmstad socken, Småland, Sweden, the birthplace of his father, Johannes Chilstrom.

Brought up in his native land, Johannes Chilstrom learned the carpenter's trade when young, and in addition to being a tiller of the soil

followed contracting and building for many years. In 1870 he emigrated with his family to this country, locating in Rockford, Illinois, where he lived retired from active pursuits until his death, in 1896, at the venerable age of eighty-seven years. His wife, whose maiden name was Brita Chilstrom, was born in Sweden, and died there in 1876, aged but sixty-two years.

Leaving Sweden, where he had acquired a good commun school education, in 1869, John Chilstrom spent a year in Rockford, Illinois, working in a brick yard. Going then to Louisiana, he was there employed in cotton raising for six months. Not liking the climate, however, he came up the Mississippi river as far as St. Paul, looking for a favorable place in which to locate, finally settling in Minneapolis, where he was employed in lumber yards for about nine years. At the time of the founding of Winthrop, in 1882, Mr. Chilstrom was one of the first to embark in business in this part of the county, becoming a pioneer merchant of the place. Meeting with success from the start, he has gradually enlarged his operations, and has now one of the most extensive and best paying general stores in the city, his stock, valued at $25,000, being large and choice.

On October 8, 1884, Mr. Chilstrom was united in marriage with Miss Christina Larson, of Stockholm, Minnesota, and they have five children, namely: John Arthur, employed in his father's store; Alida, born in 1891; Oscar, born in 1893; Helen, born in 1895; and Conrad, born in 1901. Religiously Mr. Chilstrom is a member of the Swedish Lutheran church, of which he was treasurer when the church was first organized, and for many years thereafter. In politics he is a stanch Prohibitionist. He has always taken a great interest in promoting the growth and prosperity of the place in which he lives, and during the years of 1886 and 1887 was mayor of Winthrop, filling the office ably and acceptably.

C. A. Lund.—A resident of Sibley county for more than a quarter of a century, C. A. Lund, engaged in general mercantile business in Gibbon, has been identified with different industries in this vicinity, and as a man of integrity and honor is highly respected in the community where he now lives, and to promote whose advancement and prosperity he is ever ready to lend a helping hand. A son of C. J. Carlson, he was born, May 29, 1860, in Mallila socken, Kalmarland, Sweden, where he spent the early years of his life.

Emigrating with his family to the United States in 1885, C. J. Carlson located at Bernadotte, Nicollet county, Minnesota, where he continued the independent occupation to which he was reared, being there engaged in tilling the soil until his death, in 1893. His wife, Mary Carlson, survived him many years, passing away in 1908. They were the parents of five children, as follows: Mary, came to this country in 1881, and settled in Bernadotte, where she died in 1893, was the wife of C. J. Larson; John, a farmer, lives in Bernadotte; C. A., the special subject of this

brief biographical sketch; Oscar, employed in agricultural pursuits in Morrison county, Minnesota; and Victor, of Lafayette, is a merchant, and the postmaster.

Brought up and educated in his native place, C. A. Lund there obtained a practical knowledge of the various branches of agriculture, and after coming to the United States, in 1881, followed farming in Iowa for two years. Subsequently settling in Sibley county, Mr. Lund was similarly engaged in the vicinity of Gibbon until 1901, as a general farmer, reaping a rich reward for his strenuous labors. The following two years he dealt in grain in Gibbon, and in 1903, in partnership with Fred Hoppenstadt, opened a mercantile establishment in Gibbon, "The New Store," and has since carried on an extensive and lucrative business.

Mr. Lund married, May 18, 1888, Miss Hilda Swanson, of Bernadotte, Minnesota, and they have one child, I. Alma, a successful school teacher. Mr. Lund is a prominent member of the Swedish Lutheran church, of which he has been a trustee for six years. In politics he is a Democrat, and has been active in local affairs, serving formerly as a member of the city council, and at the present time belonging to the school board. Fraternally he is a member of the Modern Woodmen of America.

Reverend Carl Oscar Palmberg, pastor of the Swedish Mission church at Buffalo, was born at Okna parish, Småland, Sweden, December 1, 1866. He is a son of S. A. and Christina Louisa (Peterson) Anderson, natives of Småland, where the mother still resides, the father being deceased. They had six children, namely: Ida, married Oscar Larson, of Sweden; Carl O.; August Emil, residing in Iowa; Jonas Gustof, of Iowa; Anders Johan, also of Iowa, and Otto Algot, an organist and school teacher in Hallsberg, Sweden.

Carl O. Palmberg received some education in Sweden, and there worked on his father's farm. He came to the United States in 1888, and went to Laramie, Wyoming, where he worked some time in a rolling mill. He removed to Minneapolis in 1893, and there attended the Swedish Mission Covenant Seminary. He spent three years there and at Chicago, and then spent five years in charge of a church at Johnsonburg, Pennsylvania, and seven years in Webster county, Iowa. Since November, 1907, Reverend Palmberg has been pastor of the Mission church at Buffalo, where he has extended a good influence and has done much good work. He is a Prohibitionist and a member of the Anti-Saloon League, and takes an active interest in any movement for the good of the town and state.

Reverend Palmberg married, May 13, 1897, Amanda Sutherland, of Laramie, Wyoming, and they have seven children, namely: Carl, aged eleven; Oscar, nine; Ida, eight; Edwin, six; Elmer, four; Einar, two years, and Ruth, one month.

JOHN L. BURKLAND, a prominent merchant of Buffalo, Minnesota, was born near Gottenberg, Sweden, May 13, 1870, and is a son of John and Anna Burkland. They were farmers in Sweden, and emigrated to America in 1891, locating in Iowa, where the father worked in shops. In 1904 he removed to Wright county, Minnesota, and purchased a farm, upon which he still lives. Their children are: Jennie, married Reverend Tignell, a Swedish Mission minister, of Springfield, Massachusetts; Hannah, a school teacher; and John L.

John L. Burkland received his education in Sweden, and came to the United States in 1887, locating in Iowa. He took a course in business college and worked as clerk in a grocery store in Ottumwa, Iowa, several years. In 1901 he removed to Buffalo, and engaged in business in the line of a general retail store, and has met with pleasing success in this line. He is enterprising and up-to-date in his ideas and methods, and keeps a high class stock, amounting to about fourteen thousand dollars. Politically he is a Republican, and in 1907 was a trustee of the village. He is a member and the secretary of the Swedish Mission church of Buffalo.

Mr. Burkland married, June 12, 1900, Freda Risberg, of Galesburg, Illinois, and they have five children, namely: Ruth, Paul, Evelyn and Evangeline (twins), and Carl.

MAGNUS HOLMSTROM.—Among the Swedish-born citizens of Wright county noteworthy for their ability and integrity is Magnus Holmstrom, who has been identified for more than a quarter of a century with the mercantile prosperity of the village of Cokato, where he is now living retired from active pursuits, having turned over to his son the management of his large general store, which he conducted so successfully for many years. He was born, September 17, 1838, in Vermland, Sweden, where his parents, Olof and Britta Holmstrom, spent their entire lives, the father being employed in a nail factory. In the parental household there were seven children, namely: Marie, wife of Gustaf Wallberg, a miller in Sweden; John, engaged in farming in Mille Lacs county, Minnesota; Annie, deceased, married J. G. Rudberg; Olof, farming near Little Falls, Minnesota; Magnus, the special subject of this sketch; Stina, wife of Andrew Fisk, of Sweden; and Kajsa, deceased, married Andrew Anderson.

During the days of his boyhood and youth, Magnus Holmstrom attended a private school established especially for the children of factory workers in Vermland. He subsequently learned the trade of a blacksmith in his native land, and in 1869 emigrated to America, locating at once in Minnesota. He worked for a time in Winona, and was afterwards foreman on a railroad in Hastings for nearly three years. Going to Minneapolis in 1872, Mr. Holmstrom resumed his trade of a blacksmith, for about six years being employed in a plow manufactory. Coming to Cokato, Wright county, in 1878, he continued at blacksmithing

until 1883, when he purchased the property he has since occupied, and opened a general store, which he managed most judiciously, building up a large and remunerative trade, winning patronage by his square and honest dealings.

On December 25, 1861, Mr. Holmstrom was united in marriage with Sophia Christina Warg, and to them ten children have been born, namely: Carl August, died at the age of twenty-eight years; Annakajsa, who married Edward Carlin, a merchant in Knapp, Minnesota, has four children, Rudolph, Raymond, Milton and Clifford; Kajsa died in infancy; Louisa, wife of Ole Hedman, a merchant in St. Paul, has three children, Ethel, Ruth, and Constance; John, died at the age of six years; Edward lived but seven years; Gena married Fred Swanberg, a farmer in Cokato, and they have one child, Reinhold; Ella, wife of Carl Titrud, a merchant in Cokato, has one child, Carlton; Lawrence died when five years old, and Walter, who now has the management of his father's store. In political matters Mr. Holmstrom has always taken an active and intelligent interest, and has filled many offices of importance, having been three times elected to the State Legislature, in 1883, 1885, and 1889; has served as president of the Village Council; and treasurer of the School Board, being always elected on the Republican ticket. A valued member of the Swedish Lutheran church, he has been prominent in both the church and Sunday School, serving six years as deacon in the Augustana church, Minneapolis, and six years in the same capacity in Cokato. He is now a director of the Minnesota Scandinavian Relief Association, of which he was one of the earliest members, holding certificate No. 213.

Rev. Johannes Alfred Nyvall was born in Carlskoga parish, Vermland, March 12, 1861, a son of Carl Johan and Anna (Moberg) Nyvall, both of whom died in Sweden. The father was an iron master or bergsman, and later became an ardent and famous layman preacher, one of the originators of the Mission Friends covenant church. He was also very active in educational work in his native province, and was the founder among other institutions of Carlskoga Practical School. His wife was likewise highly interested in educational work, originating a children's home. Carlskoga at that time was the real hearth for the independent religious movements in Sweden.

Johannes Alfred Nyvall received his early educational training at home by private tutors, and later attended the collegiate high schools of Vesteras and Stockholm. He then took a complete course in the teachers' seminary at Carlstad, graduating therein in 1878. He next made a trip for educational purposes to Germany and Denmark, and in the latter country became acquainted with the teachings of the great Grundtvig, who made an impression upon the young man that will last through his lifetime. Upon his return to Sweden, in 1879, he accepted a position as teacher in the public schools of Jönköping, where he later became superintendent, and continued for some five years. He then

J. A. NYVALL

became dean of the Practical School of Christinehamn, and during that period also entered the literary field as editor of a political weekly entitled *Praktiken,* and later founded and edited a literary weekly, *Illustreradt Familyeblad.* In 1892 he left for America, where, after some time, he entered Augustana Seminary, under the guidance of Professor Olof Olson, and was ordained to the ministry of the gospel at Chicago in 1895, and received a call to the pastorate at Little Falls, Minnesota. In 1896 he was called to St. Cloud, remaining there about one year, and then,

NORTHWESTERN HOSPITAL, MOORHEAD, MINN.

Erected 1908, at a cost of $55,000, with beds for 75 patients, is an up-to-date institution in every way, with all the latest appliances known to medical science. The hospital belongs to the Swedish Lutheran Church.

in 1897, was called to Moorhead, where the congregation held their meetings in an old brick high school house, the parsonage being in the basement. This was a great field for a young and energetic minister, and Rev. Nyvall proved the man for the place. At first he set about to obtain suitable living quarters, and succeeded in having the new and commodious parsonage built at a total cost of three thousand dollars, and

continued preaching in the old school house until, in 1900, he received a call from the Swedish Lutheran church in Rock Island, Illinois, and while there was also editor-in-chief of the Swedish Lutheran paper, *Fosterlandet,* which was published at Chicago. In 1904 he was recalled to Moorhead, where he set about the building of the new and splendid church edifice which, as to architecture, is now the most beautiful Swedish church west of Minneapolis. The building, erected at a cost of nearly twenty thousand dollars, was completed and dedicated with fitting ceremonies under the leadership of the president of the Minnesota Conference, Dr. J. A. Krantz, and the president of the Augustana Synod, Dr. Erik Norelius, in 1906.

Dr. Nyvall served that congregation until February 1, 1909. The year after the completion of the church, having seen the necessity of a Swedish hospital in the Northwest, he started the raising of subscriptions for a new hospital to be built at Moorhead. Although working under many adversities and ignorant opposition, which often had its source in personal antagonism, the hospital, under the almost superhuman efforts of Rev. Nyvall, was built after the plans of the architect Bebee, who had also designed and planned the new Bethesda church referred to above. The hospital, which is a very beautiful and up-to-date structure, is situated opposite the Clay county court house. Its sponsor is the Swedish Bethesda Hospital Society, and the cost of construction was fifty thousand dollars. Naturally, it is yet encumbered with a heavy debt, but it is to be hoped the wealthy Swedish citizens of the Northwest will see not only the necessity and propriety but also their plain duty in interesting themselves in this praiseworthy undertaking, as alleviating pain and suffering. Institutions of this kind starting without material endowments generally have a hard time at the beginning, but in most cases the help has come when most needed. While working out the plan of the hospital in his mind Rev. Nyvall prepared himself for new duties by studying mechanical therapeutics at the American College of Mechanical Therapeutics of Chicago, from where he received his diploma as a Doctor of Mechanical Therapeutics in 1908.

Dr. Nyvall has been twice married, wedding first in Sweden, in Jönköping, in 1885, Miss Augusta Radberg, of Carlstad. She died in 1901, leaving two sons: Ragnar, born in 1886 and engaged in steel construction work in Canada, and Yuyva, born in 1887, a graduate of Bethany College and now studying medicine at the University of Minnesota. In 1895 Rev. Nyvall married Miss Amanda Kjellstrom, of Red Wing, Minnesota. In 1908 he received the nomination for the office of mayor of Moorhead, but was defeated at the polls, and he has for several years been a member of the Carnegie Iibrary board of that city.

Nels O. Nelson, county treasurer of Kandiyohi county, was born October 17, 1854, in Sweden, and is the son of Ole Nelson; the latter was born in Sweden, November 26, 1822, and his wife April 27, 1821.

In 1871 Ole Nelson came with his family to the United States, landing in New York, May 24, and in June settled on a farm at Whitefield.

Nels O. Nelson received his education in the public schools of Sweden, and in 1871 came with his parents to the United States, where for some time he helped his father on the farm, and later bought land in the same section. For some years he continued on a farm, and now owns two hundred and eighty acres of rich land within eight miles of Willmar, along a free delivery route. He has moved with his family to Willmar, where he owns a comfortable residence, and for several years has been engaged in business in that city. He has long been manager of the Farmers' Elevator Company, of Willmar, at first in partnership with Swan Nelson, but subsequently alone. He is an energetic and enterprising business man, of proven integrity and good judgment, and has been successful in his dealings. Mr. Nelson has been a supporter of the Republican party since becoming a citizen of the United States, and has taken a keen interest in local affairs. He served as alderman of the Fourth ward, is now a member of the Municipal Water and Light Commission, has served as town clerk, and chairman and treasurer of the board of supervisors. He has served several years as treasurer of District 55, in 1898 was elected as representative to the State Legislature, and in November, 1908, was elected to the office of county treasurer of Kandiyohi county, Minnesota.

On July 14, 1880, at Svea, Minnesota, Mr. Nelson was united in marriage to Miss Olga Hanson. She was born in Fjelkinge parish, Kristianstads län, Sweden, September 5, 1860. Her parents were Hans Larson and Nilla Rasmusson. Three children were born in this marriage: Hattie C., born May 30, 1881, now Mrs. S. L. Benton; Nannie A., born September 14, 1883; and Marie A., born September 17, 1887. Mrs. Nelson died April 12, 1888. On June 7, 1889, Mr. Nelson was married to Miss Lina Regina Westerberg. She was born in Elmstad parish, Småland, Sweden, July 27, 1864. Her parents were Lars Magnus Westerberg, born August 7, 1831, and Anna Fredrickson, born December 11, 1835, both natives of the same parish. Two children have been born in the second marriage: Amy Olga, born April 23, 1891; and Carl Herbert, born April 26, 1896, died in infancy.

David Elmquist, a successful jeweler of Willmar, was born April 29, 1848, in Sweden, and is the son of John M. Elmquist; John M. Elmquist was a farmer, and also interested in the manufacture of saltpetre until his death, about 1882. David Elmquist received his education in the public schools of his native country, and there learned the trade of watchmaker and jeweler, under the supervision of his brother, Peter J. Elmquist. In 1869 he removed to the United States, and for about four years worked at his trade in the employ of his brother, Peter J. He then came to Minnesota, locating first at Minneapolis, where he and his brother engaged in partnership under the name of Elmquist Brothers.

About five years later they dissolved partnership, and David Elmquist established an independent business in Litchfield, Minnesota, where he carried on a jewelry store for twenty-five years. In 1902 he removed to Willmar, where he engaged in business on Benson avenue, and by his strict attention to same has built up a lucrative patronage. He is thorough master of the details of his trade, and has established a reputation for ability and integrity; he carries a first-class stock of goods. He is affiliated with the Ancient Order of United Workmen, and is a member of the Lutheran church.

Mr. Elmquist married, in 1870, Ida Matilda Hultgren, born and educated in Sweden, and they have seven children, namely: Emily C. E., married C. E. Redlund; Charles E.; Elemina C. E.; Arthur E.; Oscar E.; Hazel C. E.; and one son, who died when an infant.

Dr. Ludwig Wolmer Anderson was born in Sweden, July 11, 1881, and is the son of Nels and Augusta Anderson, both natives of that country. Nels Anderson brought his wife and children to the United States in 1886, locating in Minneapolis, where he found employment at his trade of cabinet-maker. He had three children, namely: L. W., Hilda, and Elfrida.

Dr. Anderson graduated from the East Side high school of Minneapolis, and entered the medical department of the University of Minnesota, graduating with the class of 1904. He spent a year as interne in Bethesda Hospital, St. Paul, and then began practicing at Bayfield, Wisconsin, where he spent three successful years. In April, 1908, he removed to Atwater, which has since been his home. He is a member of the county medical society, and is enterprising and progressive. He belongs to the Modern Woodmen of America, to the Elks, and the Swedish Lutheran church. Dr. Anderson married, December 2, 1905, Anna C. Tour, of St. Paul, who was born in Sweden and educated at St. Paul.

Edward L. Björkquist, the postmaster of Moorhead, was born at Norra Björkö parish, Elfsborg's län, May 26, 1857, a son of Lars Johnson and Maria Erickson, the father born December 19, 1809, and the mother June 24, 1817. Lars Johnson owned a small farm, and was also engaged to some extent in contracting and building. His father was Jonas Nöjd, a soldier in the Swedish army, and he served in the wars against Napoleon and Russia. His father, Lars Johnson, was a farmer at Norra Björkö. Lars Johnson and Maria Erickson had nine children, namely: Sophia, who married Gustof Anderson, a carpenter in Minneapolis; Maria Christina, who married N. M. Nyquist, of Moorhead; Anna Beata, who died in 1872; John L., who was a general contractor and died in 1904, having been twice married, and he left a widow and three children; Anders Magnus, a carpenter at Moorhead; Inga Helena, who married Halvor Tilseth and died in 1907, leaving two children; Carl, a con-

tractor at Moorhead; Edward L., mentioned below; and Augusta, who married C. O. Carlander, a contractor at Moorhead.

Edward L. Björkquist was educated in the public schools of Sweden and confirmed. He then learned the trade of a mason, and followed that occupation at different places, especially in Gothenborg, until in 1880, accompanied by his youngest sister, he came to America, they having been preceded here by his oldest sister in 1869 and by his oldest brother in 1871. Coming directly to Moorhead, he has ever since made his home in this city with the exception of the year and a half he spent in Big Stone county. He worked as the foreman for his brother until the latter's death in 1894, and then was in the contracting business with his brother Carl. At this time, upon the recommendation of his townsmen, he was appointed the postmaster by President McKinley, and the Moorhead office was then raised to the second class. He has since been twice re-appointed by President Roosevelt.

In 1885 Mr. Björkquist married Miss Mary Cavallin, a daughter of the Rev. J. O. Cavallin, and of their three children a son died in infancy. Stella Mathilda, the daughter, born October 6, 1887, is a graduate of the normal school at Moorhead and is a successful teacher, teaching now in the school at Oak Port, not far from Moorhead; Elmer Livingston, born October 23, 1891, is a student at the normal school. The mother of these children died in 1894, and in 1902 Mr. Björkquist married Mrs. Christene Melin, born at Fryksande, Vermland, November 15, 1874, a daughter of John Johnson. She came to America with her father, two brothers and two sisters, her mother having died in 1876. Mr. and Mrs. Björkquist have four children: Livia Alexandra, born January 27, 1903; Elba Marietta, March 5, 1905; Gretchen Linnea, April 29, 1907; and Morton Vincent, January 11, 1909. The family are members of Bethesda Swedish Lutheran church, of which Mr. Björkquist is now the secretary, and he has held every office connected with the church, and was among those instrumental in the building of the new church edifice.

Carl Joseph Bloom, M. D., is a young, scholarly, balanced and rising physician, who has somewhat recently settled at Lake Park, Becker county. He was born in Grangärde parish, Dalarne, Sweden, on the 15th of October, 1882, and is a son of Rev. K. J. and Maria Helena (Wall) Bloom. His parents are also both natives of Sweden, the father born in Wintrosa, Orebro län, in 1852, and the mother in Skaraborgs län in 1850. In 1886 the family emigrated to the United States and settled at Cadillac, Michigan, where the father held his first charge as a pastor of the Mission Friends' Covenant church. The home is now at Whitehall, Michigan. Two sons and two daughters were born into this household, but Joseph was the only child to survive infancy.

The future physician was first educated in the public schools of Dayton, Iowa, and Wesley, Iowa, and subsequently pursued his studies at Carleton Academy, Northfield, Minnesota, graduating from the latter

in 1900. He then entered Carleton College and in 1904 completed a brilliant four years' course with the degree of B. A. He was president of Philomathian Society of the college in 1903, and during part of his course was manager of *The Carletonia,* the semi-weekly publication of that institution. In the fall of 1904 Dr. Bloom was matriculated in the College of Physicians and Surgeons (medical department of the University of Minnesota), graduating in 1908 as an M. D. During the last year of his course he served as president of the medical fraternity, Nu Sigma Nu.

After graduating in medicine he served for one year as an interne at the Swedish Hospital in Minneapolis, receiving his diploma in June, 1909. On July 23rd of that year he located at Lake Park, buying the office fixtures of Dr. Winberg and succeeding to his practice. Thus establishing himself under most favorable auspices, his quiet and reassuring manners, with his known record of thorough preparation and education, have marked him, both among fellow practitioners and patients, as a highly valued accession to the profession. While always a deep scholar, he has invariably refused to be a drag on the community, and while passing through the university supported himself in part by working evenings in the medical bookstore. It is this combination of the practical and the manly with the purely thoughtful and scholarly, which has made the doctor so popular throughout. In his fraternal relations with the profession he is a member of the Clay-Becker County and the State Medical associations, and his religious affiliations are with the Congregational church.

Adolph S. Larson, general merchant, Sandstone, Minnesota, dates his birth in Halland, Sweden, December 3, 1879, and is a son of Emil Larson and his wife, Emma Arvedsdoter, farming people of Sweden, the former a native of Småland and the latter of Halland. In 1892, Emil Larson emigrated with his family to the United States and settled on a homestead at Partridge, Minnesota, where he has since lived. He has six children, all now residents of Sandstone, namely: Mary, wife of Gus Gjertson; Oscar, a contractor; Adolph S., a merchant; Albert, a carpenter; Annie, wife of Fred Dahlberg; and Albin, a carpenter.

Adolph S. received a public school education in his native land, and accompanied his parents to this country. Soon after their arrival at Partridge, he secured a position as clerk in the store of Walter Scott, where he remained for seven years. Then he entered the employ of H. P. Webb & Co., and at this writing is manager of this firm's general store at Sandstone.

July 13, 1902, he married Miss Lena Halverson, a daughter of Ed Halverson of Sandstone, and they are the parents of three children: Arnold, Edward, and Helen. Politically, Mr. Larson affiliates with the Prohibitionists. He is clerk of the town of Sandstone, and treasurer of

the Scandinavian Grand Lodge, I. O. G. T. of Minnesota. Also, he is a member of the I. O. O. F. and A. F. & A. M.

Oscar Asklund, tailor, Sandstone, Minnesota, has been a respected citizen of this place since 1903, and of this country a decade longer. Mr. Asklund was born at Lindköping, Sweden, September 4, 1871, son of Andrew and Matilda Asklund, natives of that place, where the father was a shoemaker. The father died in Sweden in 1897, at the age of sixty-two years; the mother is still living there. Their family consisted of two children, Oscar and Anna Matilda. This daughter is now the wife of Andrew Anderson, an employe of Swift's packing plant at St. Paul, Minnesota.

Oscar Asklund received a common school education in his native land, and there learned the trade of tailor. A young man, just past his majority, he came, in 1893, to America and, like most of his countrymen who emigrate to this country, directed his course to Minnesota. He first stopped at White Bear. He remained there, however, only a short time, going thence to Lake City, where he settled down to work at his trade and where he made his home for eight years. He came, in 1904, to Sandstone, and has since worked at his trade here.

January 2, 1897, Mr. Asklund married Miss Bessie Nelson, daughter of Nils Nelson of Sweden, and they have six children: Esther, Edna, Bertha, Gladys, Virgil and Emery. Mr. Asklund is a member of the Modern Woodmen of America, the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, the Eagles and the Modern Brotherhood, and, politically, he is what is termed an Independent Republican.

Hugo Wickstrom, of Sandstone, Minnesota, dates his birth at Lulea, Sweden, December 1, 1878, and is a son of Isaac and Marie Wickstrom. Isaac Wickstrom has been a resident of Pine City, Minnesota, since he came from Sweden to this country in 1906. He is a harness-maker and farmer.

Hugo Wickstrom spent his first fifteen years in his native land. In 1893, ambitious to see something of the world and settle in a new country where opportunities for advancement were better than in the older countries of Europe, he came to the United States, and went to Zumbrota, Minnesota, where he had an uncle. For three years he worked on this uncle's farm during the summer, and in winter attended school, his schooling here including a course in a business college at Lake City. After this he entered the employ of the Tri-State Telephone Company, as switchboard man and, later, as division superintendent. June 1, 1908, he came to Sandstone and opened a butcher shop, which he has since conducted.

Mr. Wickstrom married, February 15, 1906, Miss Ella Glenville, and they have one child, Fern. While in Pine City, in the telephone service, he served two years as alderman, to which office he was elected on the

Republican ticket. He is a member of the I. O. O. F., Eagles, D. of H., and A. O. U. W.

Henry Fredrikson, engaged in the blacksmith business, under the firm name of McLean-Fredrikson Co., at Sandstone, Minnesota, has been a resident of this town since 1907, and is classed among its respected citizens.

Mr. Fredrikson was born in Pope county, Minnesota, January 5, 1872, the son of Swedish parents, Fredrik and Carolina Fredrikson, natives of Westmanland. The father was a miner in Sweden previous to his emigration to America, which was in 1868, and after his settlement here, he worked in the mines at Ishpeming, Michigan, for three years. At the end of that time he moved to Pope county, Minnesota, took up a homestead claim, and there passed the rest of his life in agricultural pursuits. He died June 14, 1893, at the age of fifty-five years. The mother, born in 1846, is still living on the homestead. Of their eleven children, five are living, namely: Charles, an engineer in a sash factory at Troy, Idaho; Henry, the subject of this sketch; Albert, a farmer in Colorado; John, on the home place with his mother, and Helmer, a farmer and meat-market man in Colorado.

Henry Fredrikson, in his boyhood, attended public school in his native county, and when a young man learned the carpenter's trade, which he followed for nine years. Then he took up the work of blacksmith and wagonmaker, thoroughly mastered the trade, and has worked at it ever since. He came to Sandstone in 1907, formed a partnership with Daniel McLean, and is now doing business under the firm name of McLean-Fredrikson Co., blacksmiths and wagonmakers.

December 11, 1900, Mr. Fredrikson married Miss Anna Erickson, daughter of John Erickson, of Westmanland. They have two children: Frances Senora and Milton Fredrik Lauren. The family are attendants of the Swedish Lutheran church. Politically, Mr. Fredrikson is a Republican.

Andrew William Asplund, an enterprising and successful grocer of Pine City, Minnesota, has been engaged in that business about one year, and has built up a good custom as a reward for his industry and careful attention to the wants of his customers. He was born at Lake City, Minnesota, May 27, 1870, and is a son of Swen and Mary Asplund, further mention of whom is given elsewhere in this work.

Andrew Asplund was educated in the common schools, supplemented by a course of six months in the Minneapolis Business College. For a few months he worked as clerk in a store, and for five years was employed in the Lake City Bank. He purchased the business owned by Peter Anderson, at Lake City, and for seven years operated a general store. He spent the next three years on a farm, and in 1906 removed

Peter Thompson

to Pine City, where he opened up a racket store. In 1908 he engaged in the grocery business, which he still continues.

Mr. Asplund is a Republican in his political affiliations, and belongs to the Ancient Order United Workmen, Degree of Honor, and Equitable Fraternal Union. He married, in 1903, Hulda Wickstrom, of Zumbrota, Minnesota, and they became parents of three children, namely: Vivian, Harold and Ellen. Mr. Asplund is a public-spirited and patriotic citizen, and very well liked in the city where he resides.

Peter Thompson.—A man of undoubted executive and business ability, no one, mayhap, has been more intimately associated with the growth and advancement of the leading interests of Worthington than Peter Thompson, who was here when the town was surveyed, and subsequently purchased the first three building lots sold within its limits. He has resided in the place for nearly forty years, during which time he has founded various enterprises of importance, contributing his full share towards the improvement and upbuilding of the present prosperous city. He was born, January 27, 1839, in Jerfsjö, Helsingland, Sweden, and there lived until eleven years of age. His parents, Peter and Karin (Goranson) Thompson, emigrated from Sweden to this country in 1850, locating first at Pine Lake, Wisconsin, from there going to Waupaca, Wisconsin, where they spent the remainder of their lives, the father dying at the age of eighty-seven years, in 1896, and the mother in 1903, at the advanced age of ninety-four years.

Coming with his parents to the United States when a lad of eleven years, Peter Thompson lived for a year at Pine Lake, Wisconsin, and then went with the family to Waupaca, where he assisted on the farm and for two years attended school, after which he was for five years employed as a clerk in a drug store. Going to Carver, Minnesota, in 1858, he was clerk in a general store for five years, subsequently spending one year as clerk on a steamboat plying the Mississippi and Minnesota rivers. Having thus obtained a practical insight into the management of mercantile affairs, Mr. Thompson embarked in business on his own account, opening in Carver, Minnesota, a general store, which he operated for the next seven years. Going to Jackson, Minnesota, in September, 1871, he filed on the west half of the southeast quarter of section 34, township 103, range 40, his filing being the first made in Elk township. In October, 1871, Mr. Thompson came to the site of the proposed town of Worthington, arriving here the very day before it was surveyed, and purchased, as above mentioned, the first three lots sold in the town. On April 16, 1872, he came here on the first train to enter the town and immediately erected a building for a general store, which he managed for a number of years, being also engaged in various other lines of business, his energy and keen foresight bringing him marked success. He subsequently built a warehouse and engaged in the grain business for some time, also dealing in farm machinery. In 1879 Mr. Thompson sold

his general store to B. W. Lyon, at the same time discontinuing his grain business. In 1878 he opened an agricultural warehouse and grain elevator at Adrian, Minnesota, placing it in charge of A. M. Crosby, and continued its ownership until 1886, when he sold out to A. G. Lindgren.

Since 1879, when he prepared a set of abstract books, Mr. Thompson has been engaged in the real estate and abstracting business, in 1904 having been appointed abstractor of Nobles county. On January 1, 1880, in partnership with George J. Day he founded the Nobles County Bank, and until 1894 was actively engaged in banking. At the present time he is owner and publisher of the *Worthington Globe,* one of the influential journals of the county.

Politically Mr. Thompson is a prominent member of the Prohibition party. He has been influential in municipal affairs and had the honor to be elected, in 1873, as the first treasurer of the city, an office to which he was reëlected in 1874. He was president of the Village Council in 1876 and 1877, and in 1879 and 1880 was county treasurer. In 1892 he was made chairman of the board of county commissioners, but resigned in 1873. One of the leading members of the Swedish Lutheran church, he was very active in its reorganization in 1876; has served as treasurer and trustee; and for thirty-six years has been a deacon in the church. For eight years he was a director of Gustavus Adolphus College.

Mr. Thompson married, March 18, 1860, Christine Danielson, and they are the parents of two children, namely: Hannah, wife of Fred Parker, of Duluth, Minnesota; and Nellie, wife of James W. Parker, of Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

Olof E. Oslund, merchant and postmaster of Groningen, Minnesota, was born in Carver county, this state, July 3, 1868, son of Eric Oslund and Karin Månsdoter, natives of Nejssocken, Wermland, Sweden. Eric Oslund was engaged in farming in the old country previous to his emigration to America, which was in 1868, and not long after his arrival in Minnesota he took a homestead claim on section 30, French Lake township, Wright county, where he is still engaged in agricultural pursuits. Before coming to Wright county, however, he and his wife spent six months in Carver county, where their eldest child, Olof E., was born. Their other children, in order of birth, are as follows: Emil, a farmer in McHenry county, North Dakota; Gust, deceased; William, deceased, and Mary, William and Hulda, at home.

Olof E. grew up on his father's farm, assisting with the work in summer and in winter attending the common schools. Later he ran a thrashing machine and sawmill. In 1894, he moved to Swift county, Minnesota, where for three years, in addition to running a thrashing machine, he sold farm machinery. The next two years he farmed at Mission Creek. Then he located at Groningen and opened a general store, which he has since conducted. Also, he opened and is conducting a

branch store at Banning. In each of these stores he carries a stock of from $10,000 to $15,000, and is doing a prosperous business.

December 25, 1895, Mr. Oslund married Miss Anna Sundberg, of Wright county, Minnesota, and they have five children, namely: Hulda Charlotte, Esther Olivia Antonette, Leo Earl Clarence, Irene (deceased), and Amy Viola Octavia.

Politically, Mr. Oslund is a Republican, and at the hands of his party he has received favors in the way of appointment to the office of postmaster and election to the position of town clerk. Fraternally, he is identified with the F. & A. M., the I. O. O. F., and the M. W. A. Religiously, he holds to the faith in which he was reared. He is a member of the Swedish Lutheran church.

Peter O. Erickson, a prominent merchant, and present mayor of Aitken, was born in Gäfvunda Dalarne, Sweden, December 14, 1860, and is a son of O. E. and Irene (Nelson) Erickson, both natives of Dalarne. O. E. Erickson had a large real estate business and practiced law in his native place, and in 1884 removed to the United States; he located in Meeker county, Minnesota, where he lived in retirement until his death, in 1908. His wife died in 1899. Of their ten children, five survive, namely: Andrew, a farmer of Meeker county; Ole E., a farmer of Cook county; Cary, married John P. Erickson; Margaret, married Axel Kjelgren, salesman and collector for a lumber company in Minneapolis; and Peter O.

Peter O. Erickson received his education in the public schools of his native country, and came to the United States in 1880, at the age of nineteen years. He located in Minneapolis, and there took a course in a business college. Thereafter he worked as clerk in a general store until 1897, and then removed to Aitken, where he engaged in general merchandise business, with Swan Anderson as partner. Since 1903 Mr. Erickson has conducted the business on his own account, and carries a stock of about twelve thousand dollars. Besides his mercantile interests, he also has some mining lands, and has extensive holdings of land in Aitken, Minneapolis and British Columbia. He has been a member of the city council, and at the last election was honored by receiving the office of mayor; he was for ten years treasurer of the school board of Aitken. In politics he is a Republican.

Mr. Erickson married, in 1884, Annie Anderson, of Venjan, Dalarne, Sweden, and their children are: Frank Richard, Victor E., Edwin L., and George H., all living at home. Mr. Erickson has gained the respect and esteem of his fellows, and is one of the most prominent and influential citizens of Aitken.

John N. Nelson, a thrifty and industrious jeweler of Aitken, is a fine example of the better class of emigrants from Sweden, and has attained his present success through his own untiring and unaided efforts.

He was born in Wester Dalarne, Sweden, July 21, 1865, and is a son of Nels Nelson and Christina Johnson, both natives of Dalarne. Their children are Christina, who married Ole P. Johnson, a banker and farmer, of South Dakota; Annie, married August Schallin, a merchant of Willmar, Minnesota; Nels, of Minneapolis; John N., of this sketch; and Andrew, a police officer of Minneapolis. Nels Nelson was at one time well-to-do, but through misfortune lost all the property he possessed. Discouraged, he decided to try his fortune in a new land and in different surroundings, so he came to America, leaving his family practically penniless. The good mother procured work and so helped out the family, doing the best she could for all her children. While undergoing the disheartening privations and hardships of this time, her son, John N. Nelson, managed to acquire a high school education in Sweden, finishing at the age of twelve years.

In 1878, Mr. Nelson's father sent for him to come to the United States, and upon arriving he went to work. For a time he gave his earnings to his father, but later went out in the world to work for himself. He worked and saved, in the meanwhile attending school. From the start thus gained he entered business in a general store, in partnership with his brother-in-law, August Schallin. He soon dissolved this partnership and removed to Minneapolis, where he spent several years in various forms of employment. He then went to Winona, and after undergoing many privations, on account of small funds, was graduated October 6, 1891, from W. F. A. Woodcock's Horological School. Locating at Buffalo, Minnesota, as a watchmaker and jeweler, he spent eight years here, in the meantime graduating from the Chicago Opthalmic College, June 1, 1897. From Buffalo he returned to Minneapolis, and from there removed to Aitken, where he has since been located. He is in business on his own account, as jeweler, watchmaker and optician, carrying a large stock of high-grade goods. Mr. Nelson has won a reputation for honesty and integrity, and is preëminently a self-made man.

In politics Mr. Nelson votes independent of party. He is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and Modern Woodmen of America. He married Mary Thor, of Buffalo, Minnesota. They have no children.

Rev. Ernest H. Sanden, pastor of the Swedish Lutheran church at Aitken, Minnesota, was born at Chariton, Iowa, February 11, 1873, and is a son of P. J. and Emelia Sanden, the father a native of Småland and the mother of Östergötland, Sweden. P. J. Sanden studied theology in his native country, and in 1865 came to the United States, locating at Rock Island, Illinois, where he studied at Augustana College, also traveled as a student. He was ordained in the Swedish Lutheran church, at Princeton, Illinois, June 23, 1878, and his first charge was the Salem church at Vliets, Kansas, where he remained nine years. He spent four years at Porter, Indiana, and nine years in Swede Valley, Iowa, near

Ogden. After spending a few years in Texas, he retired, and now lives in Iowa. He had children as follows: Hilma, who married John Kjellberg, a cabinet-maker, of Rock Island, Illinois; Ernest H.; Esther, married to Gust Anderson, a cabinet-maker, of Rock Island, Illinois; Martin, who has a livery at Ogden, Iowa; Hugo, in hardware business at Ogden; Arvid, of Ogden; and Hjalmar, an art student of unusual promise.

E. H. Sanden was educated at Bethany College, in Kansas, and in 1898 graduated from Augustana College, Rock Island, Illinois. He taught school some years. Returning to Augustana in 1902, he was graduated from the theological seminary in 1905 and was ordained a minister of the Swedish Lutheran church, at Stanton, Iowa, the same year. His first charge was at Aitken, Minnesota, where he has since remained. In political views he is independent.

Rev. Sanden married Thekla Estergren, of Ottumwa, Iowa, May 27, 1908, and they have one daughter, Ernestine Linnea.

Harold Siren, who is engaged in the undertaking business at Milaca, Minnesota, was born at Carlstad, Wermland, Sweden, May 12, 1873. He received his education and learned the trade of cabinetmaker in his native land, and then, in 1892, at the age of nineteen, came to America. For ten years he worked at his trade in Minneapolis, after which he came to Milaca and opened a furniture store, to which he subsequently added undertaking. He conducted both the furniture and the undertaking business until 1906, when he sold the furniture department. He is a licensed embalmer. For the past three years his undertaking business has demanded the whole of his time and attention.

August 15, 1894, Mr. Siren married Miss Frida Sjostrom, of Småland, Sweden, and they have three children: Joseph, Blanche and Walter.

Mr. Siren affiliates with the Republican party and is what may be termed an Independent Republican. He takes more than a passing interest in local affairs, at this writing being a member of the Milaca school board and of the Milaca Water & Light Commission. Fraternally he is a Free Mason, a M. W. A., and a Yeoman.

Carl John Dahlstrom, shoe dealer, Milaca, Minnesota, was born in Wermland, Sweden, July 22, 1857, son of John Erickson and Kajsa Olofsdoter, farming people of Wermland. In 1891, the father, then well advanced in years, came to America and engaged in the lumber business at Milaca, Minnesota, and died here in 1899. His first wife died in 1875, leaving him with five children: Stina Maria, Lotta, Carl John, Eric John, and Olof Frederick, all residents of Sweden except Carl J. and Olof F., the latter being a carpenter of Milaca. By his second wife, Charlotte Carlson, John Erickson had two children: Emma, wife of Charles Johnson, of Milaca, and Emil, also of Milaca.

Carl J. was reared and educated in his native land, and in the city of Stockholm learned the trade of shoemaker. In 1891, he came

America and settled at Milaca, where he has since worked at his trade, and where, since 1892, he has conducted a retail shoe business.

Mr. Dahlstrom has been twice married. By his first wife, Charlotte Larson, whom he wedded in Sweden, he had two children: Carl Harold, now assistant cashier of the First National Bank of Milaca, and Gust, deceased. This wife and mother died in 1891. By his present wife, who was Miss Augusta Johnson, he has six children: Esther Sophia, Hugo, Walter, Katherine, Reuben and Siegred. Mr. Dahlstrom and his family are members of the Swedish Baptist church, of which he is a deacon, and, politically, he may be termed an independent Prohibitionist.

Nels M. Nelson, blacksmith and wagonmaker at Princeton, Minnesota, is one of the representative and highly respected citizens of the town in which he lives. Mr. Nelson claims Skåne, Sweden, as the place of his nativity, the date of his birth being July 30, 1863. His parents, Nels Nelson and Margerita Bengtsdoter, natives of Skåne, passed their lives as farmers in that place, and died there, the former in 1865, the latter in 1895. Nels M. was the only child of this union. His mother, by a subsequent marriage, to Martin Jepson of Skåne, had a daughter, Johanna, now the wife of Hans Jonson of that place.

Up to the time he was twenty-one, Nels M. was occupied in attending school and working on the farm. Then he learned the trade of blacksmith and wagonmaker, which, for five years, he followed in Sweden, at the end of that time coming to this country and taking up his abode in St. Paul, Minnesota. That was in 1888. He worked at his trade two years in St. Paul and four years in Lake City; after that, in the winter of 1893-94 he visited his old home in Sweden. Returning from there he came to Princeton, where he has since been in business for himself. Here he started a wagon shop, in partnership with Frank Peterson, association continued until 1907, when Mr. Peterson was succeeded by his son, Oscar W. Peterson, the firm style being Peterson & [illegible] company has the reputation of making the best sleds made in Mille Lacs county.

June 22, 1895, Mr. Nelson married Miss Hilda C. Johnland, and he and his wife are the parents of three children: Myrtle Elvina and Theron Wilbur. Mr. Nelson is a fraternal order K. O. T. M., and, politically, is an In

Rev. August Lundquist, pastor of the Swedish Lutheran church at Princeton, Minnesota, was born in Wermland, Sweden, April 15, 1849, son of P. Peterson and Martha, his wife, farming people of Wermland. In their old age, in 1891, his parents came to this country and settled at Two Harbors, Minnesota, where the father died in 1895, and where the mother is still living. In their family were three sons: John, now a locomotive engineer of Two Harbors; Andrew, deceased, and August, the subject of this sketch.

In his native land August Lundquist passed his youth and early manhood, and, in 1872, ambitious to see something of the world and better his condition, he said goodby to the old home and came to America, St. Paul, Minnesota, his objective point. There, for twelve years, he worked as a mechanic. Then he engaged in the grocery business, and had, at different times, as partners, Nicholas Noren, H. J. Johnson and August Johnson. From 1899 to 1908, he conducted business alone. Previous to his coming to this country and during his business career here, he spent much time in the study of theology, finally taking a course at Augustana College, and on June 14, 1908, at Chicago, he was ordained as a minister of the Swedish Lutheran church. In the meantime, May 15, 1908, he sold his store, and after his ordaination he came to Princeton as pastor of the church at this place.

Mr. Lundquist has a wife and four children. May 26, 1875, he married Miss Mariana Johnson, like himself a native of Wermland, Sweden. Their eldest daughter, Hulda, is the wife of Grant Huntberg, a lawyer of Rock Island, Illinois. Wilhelmina, the next in order of birth, is the wife of David Lincoln, an undertaker of Jamestown, New York. They have one son, Daniel Freeman. The other children of Mr. and Mrs. Lundquist, Ruth, M. and Adina Nahamie, are at home. Politically, Mr. Lundquist is a Republican.

J. C. Dalberg, dealer in paints and oils, Montevideo, Minnesota, was born at Töcksfors, Wermland, Sweden, March 18, 1852, son of A. T. and C. (Carlson) Dalberg. A. T. Dalberg was a carpenter and millwright. He passed his life and died in Sweden. Of his children, six are living, namely: Thea, wife of Andrew Anderson Kull; Inga, wife of John Ramberg; Louise, wife of Emil Bjorknes; Mary, wife of H. J. Helgerson; C. J., a merchant in Sweden; and J. C., the subject of this brief sketch.

J. C. Dalberg received the usual public school education in his native land, and there learned the painter's trade, which he has since followed. He remained in Sweden until the spring of 1882, when he came to the United States, landing on American soil on April 14, 1882; and came direct to Montevideo, Minnesota, where he has since made his home. Here he established a paint business, which has grown until he now carries a fine stock of paints and oils and employs a force of seven men to do his contract work.

February 6, 1876, Mr. Dalberg married Miss Nora Olson of Töcksfors, Sweden. They have one child, Albert Oscar, who married Lillian Burman, of Amery, Wisconsin, in which town he has recently entered the hardware business, buying a store there.

In local politics, Mr. Dalberg has shown a commendable interest, affiliating with the Republican party, and serving as judge of election many times. He is a member of the fraternal orders, Independent Order of Odd Fellows and Ancient Order of United Workmen, and, religiously, is identified with the Swedish Lutheran church.

John O. Anderson, well known in the business and social circles of Montevideo, Minnesota, was born in Carver county, this state, March 29, 1859, son of John and Christine Anderson, natives of Ostergotland, Sweden. Mr. Anderson's parents emigrated to America in 1854 and settled at Burlington, Iowa, from whence they subsequently moved to Scandia, Minnesota, where the father was the pastor of the Swedish Baptist church. He preached at Vasa from 1861 to 1879, and from 1879 to 1880 was pastor of the First Swedish Baptist church at Minneapolis. In 1885 he moved to Leenthrop, where he was pastor of the Baptist church until the time of his death. He died in 1887, at the age of fifty-seven years; his wife died in 1887, at the age of sixty-one. Their family comprised six children, as follows: Henry S., deceased; John O.; Julia, wife of B. I. Melin, a farmer of Goodhue county; Ruth, widow of Fred W. Johnson, deceased; Frances, wife of S. E. Herrick, manager of a ranch in Alberta, Canada; and Grace, wife of S. K. Booth, employed in the Census Department at Washington, D. C.

John O. received his education in the common schools, and at Archibold's Academy, Minneapolis. He spent some time in farm work, until January 1, 1890, when he accepted a position as bookkeeper in the Chippewa County Bank at Montevideo, Minnesota, where he remained until 1901. That year he was elected Register of Deeds, and held the office for a term of six years. On his retirement from his position, he became cashier of the First National Bank of Montevideo, which place he has since filled.

May 29, 1889, Mr. Anderson married Miss Jennie W. Fredine of Maynard, Minnesota, who has borne him three children: Clinton, Lelah and Wenona. The last named is deceased. Mr. Anderson is a member of the American Baptist church, and is prominent and active in Sunday school work, at this writing being Sunday-school superintendent. He is, politically, a Republican, and, fraternally, he is identified with the I. O. O. F., the A. O. U. W., the M. W. A., and the K. O. T. M.

Nels P. and George E. Peterson, prominent business men of Olivia, Minnesota, are sons of Samuel and Catharine (Nelson) Peterson, natives of Småland, Sweden. Samuel Peterson was a farmer in the old country, and after his emigration to America, which was in 1858, he bought a farm in Chisago county, Minnesota, where he lived a few years, removing thence to East Union, Carver county, Minnesota, where he spent the rest of his life and died. His wife also died at East Union. They were the parents of eight children, namely: Matilda, wife of O. A. Norman, a retired farmer of Renville county, Minnesota; Frank William, a piano dealer of Fargo, North Dakota; Carl Albert, deceased; John Edward, a farmer of Carver county; Nels P.; George E.; Mary C., of Olivia, Minnesota; and Amanda H., wife of Alfred Lundin, of St. Peter, Minnesota.

Nels P. Peterson was born in Chisago county, Minnesota, April 9, 1864, and was educated in the common schools of Carver county, to which

place, as already stated, his parents moved a few years after his birth; and he was for one term a student at Augsburg College, Minneapolis. Then, until 1895, he was engaged in farming. That year he took charge of the Grand Central hotel at Olivia, the leading hotel of the town, and has since operated it successfully. February 22, 1896, he married Miss Regina Broberg, of Atwater, Minnesota, and they have five children: Viola, Frances, Verna, Gertrude and Grace.

George E. Peterson was born in Anoka county, Minnesota, June 2, 1866, and received his education in the public schools of Carver county, at East Union. In 1881, he settled on a farm of 480 acres in Renville county, where he was engaged in agricultural pursuits until 1897. He then came to Olivia, where he has since that date devoted his energies to the real estate business. He married, May 2, 1894, Miss Martha S. Broberg, of Atwater, and they are the parents of five children: Myrtle, George Lester, Effie, Clifford and Delores.

Fraternally, both Nels P. and George E. are Masons, and, politically, they are Republicans, the latter having served as justice of the peace, and several years as town clerk. The former is serving on the board of education of the Olivia high school. In addition to their property in Olivia, both have real estate holdings elsewhere, Nels P. owning a farm of 640 acres in Dakota, and George E., a farm of 320 acres in Canada, besides extensive holdings along the Gulf coast in Texas, and in Renville county, Minnesota. Religiously, both families are Lutheran, but are also identified with the Methodist Episcopal church of Olivia.

John L. Johnson, county auditor of Renville county, Minnesota, is a native of Stockholm, Sweden. He was born December 25, 1866, and is a son of P. L. and Wendla (Hjalmn) Johnson, the former a native of Karlskrone, and the latter of Stockholm. In 1869, when John L. was three years old, the family emigrated to America, and settled at St. Paul, where, until 1873, the father worked at his trade, that of cabinetmaker. He then moved to Willmar, where he has since lived, having been retired for a number of years. He and his wife are the parents of six sons: John L., Charles H., George W., Edward A., Henry L., and Arthur, and all, except John L., are in the ice cream business. Charles H. and Henry L. are in Fargo, North Dakota. George W. and Edward A. are at Willmar and Glenwood, Minnesota, respectively, and Arthur is a resident of Crookston, Minnesota.

In the Willmar common schools John L. received his early education, which has been supplemented by practical experience in office life. After spening a few years in a railroad office, in 1884 he entered the employ of the Bank of Willmar, and subsequently he was employed in various places and in different capacities, from bookkeeper to cashier, being thus occupied for a number of years, up to 1908. In the meantime he filled some of the village offices, and in 1908 he was elected, on the Republican ticket, to the office of county auditor.

June 24, 1890, Mr. Johnson married Miss Caroline R. Carlson, of Renville, and to them have been given nine children: Marian, Alfred, John, Inez, Stella, Victor, Joel, Carl and Adrian.

Carl Bolander, a successful real estate dealer, of Little Falls, Minnesota, was born July 10, 1867, at Vrigstad, Småland, Sweden, and is a son of M. A. and Charlotte Bolander, natives of that place. His father is President in the Vrigstad Savings Bank, was for thirty-two years a member of the Swedish Legislature, and has filled every elective and appointive office of honor in his district. He also has lumber interests. He has three children, namely, Carl; Wilhelmina, married Carl Nelson, a landowner and lumberman, of Sweden; and Gustaf, lumberman and superintendent of a pulp paper-mill at Braos, Sweden.

Carl Bolander was educated in his native town, and until twenty-four years of age assisted his father in the lumber business and in managing his farm. In July, 1892, he emigrated to the United States, his object being to visit the World's Fair at Chicago. He remained in that city until July, 1893, and was employed as a carpenter. He then moved to Little Falls, where he bought some property and entered the employ of Congressman C. A. Lindbergh; he has continued since that time in charge of Mr. Lindbergh's real estate interests. He operates a farm of two hundred forty acres, employing several men the year around, also a farm of one hundred sixty acres, well improved, with good buildings.

Politically Mr. Bolander is a Republican, and takes an active interest in public affairs. He has been a member of the board of public works, and has been alderman of Little Falls. He is past noble grand of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, past chancellor of the Knights of Pythias, past counsel of the Modern Woodmen of America, secretary of the Swedish United Sons of America, and a prominent man socially. He is interested in every movement for the growth and development of the city.

Mr. Bolander married, June 21, 1905, Helena Newman, of Little Falls, born of German parents in Detroit, Michigan. In 1899 he visited Sweden, and again in 1908, accompanied by his wife, and during this trip they traveled extensively through Sweden, Norway, England and the continent. They have one son, Carl Magnus, born June 17, 1909.

Ole Swanson.—Occupying a noteworthy position among the active business men of Worthington is Ole Swanson, who is identified with the industrial interests of this part of Nobles as agent for the John W. Tuthill Lumber Company. A native of Sweden, Ole Thompson was born, April 22, 1866, in Christianstads Län, which was likewise the birthplace of his father, Swan Anderson, while his mother, whose maiden name was Johnson, was a native of Småland, Sweden. Both parents are still residents of their native land, where the father is carrying on

Hans Engberg

general farming. They have but two children, namely, Ole, the special subject of this sketch; and Berthilde, wife of Anders Person, who is engaged in agricultural pursuits in Sweden.

After leaving school, Ole Swanson assisted his father in tilling the soil until of age, and afterwards there engaged in farming. In 1890, realizing to some extent the superior advantages offered the laboring man in the United States, he emigrated to this country, going directly to Sioux Center, Iowa, where for a year and a half he was employed on a railroad. Locating then in Worthington, Mr. Swanson carried on farming until 1900, when he became agent for the John W. Tuthill Lumber Company, a position which he has ably and satisfactorily filled ever since.

Mr. Swanson married, in April, 1899, Elsie Larson, daughter of L. J. Larson, of Worthington, and of their union four children have been born, namely: Gustof Henning, Iver Julius, Emil Lavine, and Ole Raymond. In his political affiliations, Mr. Swanson is a straightforward Republican. He is a member, and secretary, of the Swedish Lutheran church, and belongs to the Scandinavian Relief Association.

Hans Engberg, president of the First National Bank of Cambridge, was born at Hassela socken, Backarang City, Halsingland, Sweden, July 10, 1853, and is the son of Per Johnson and Margerita Hansdoter, both natives of Halsingland. Per Johnson in early life was a merchant, and later engaged in farming; he died in Sweden, in 1865, at the age of fifty-three years. His widow came to America in 1873, and died in Isanti county, Minnesota, in 1895, at the age of eighty. They were parents of five children, namely: Karin, married Jons Grift; Anna, married Daniel Danielson; Jonas, a farmer of Isanti county; Maggie, married John Sederberg; and Hans.

Hans Engberg received his education in the public schools of Sweden, and in 1869 came to the United States, locating in Isanti county. He attended school three winters in Polk county, Wisconsin, and spent two years in the employ of sash and door factories. He went into the general merchandise and lumber business, in 1875, in company with his brother and brother-in-law, under the name of Engberg Brothers & Company, and this partnership lasted until 1879, the enterprise meeting with moderate success. In 1878 he was elected auditor of Isanti county, and held this office ten years. In 1892 Mr. Engberg, with other business men, engaged in banking, under the name of Isanti County Bank, at Cambridge; in 1904 this concern was organized as a national bank, and the name changed to the First National Bank of Cambridge. For fourteen years Mr. Engberg held the position of cashier, and since 1906 he has served as president of the institution. He is a keen, progressive business man, and administers the affairs of the bank in an able manner.

Mr. Engberg married, first, February 9, 1884, Nancy A. Peterson, of Isanti county, and they had children as follows: Aurelia E., assistant

cashier of the First National Bank; Edith M., a school teacher; Ada W. and Rhodie V., attending the public school; and Nannie. Mrs. Engberg died January 25, 1897, and Mr. Engberg married, for his second wife, November 24, 1899, Emma J. Hogdahl, of Sundswall, Sweden, and they have one son, Clarence Henry. Mr. Engberg is an independent in his political views, and he and his family attend the Swedish Baptist church of Cambridge.

Julius Palm.—Well worthy of representation in a work of this kind is Julius Palm, a carpenter and contractor of Worthington, Nobles county, who has won deserved success by his thorough mastery of his calling, fidelity to his trusts, and honest dealings with all men. A son of Carl Palm, he was born, October 28, 1866, in Småland, Sweden, where he resided until attaining his majority. Carl Palm, a contractor and builder, spent his entire life in Sweden, dying there in 1907. His wife, Anna Palm, survives him, and still resides on the old homestead in Sweden. Six children were born of their union, namely: Anna, deceased; Emma, wife of August Strom, a salesman in Worthington; Olof, a carpenter in Erskine, Minnesota, married Helga Lindquist; Julius, the special subject of this brief biography; August, of Fergus Falls, Minnesota, a contractor, married Nellie Olson; and Carl, engaged in business as a contractor in California.

After completing his studies in the common schools of his native land, Julius Palm learned the carpenter's trade under his father's instructions. In 1887, being firmly convinced that there were greater opportunities for the working man in the United States than in any other part of the world, he came to this country, locating at once in Worthington, where he has since followed his trade most successfully.

Mr. Palm married, December 16, 1904, Miss Anna Johnson, daughter of Andrew Johnson, and of their union six children have been born, namely: Evelyn, May, Violet, Helen, Agnes, and Carl. Politically Mr. Palm affiliates with the Republican party; religiously he has never departed from the faith of his ancestors, being a consistent member of the Swedish Lutheran church; and fraternally he belongs to the Modern Woodmen of America.

Rev. Anders Mattson, pastor of the Swedish Lutheran church at Alexandria, Minnesota, was born August 29, 1853, at Jemtland, Sweden, and is a son of M. and Margerita (Anderson) Davidson, farmers of Jemtland. They emigrated to the United States in 1893 and resided with their son Anders, their only child. The mother died in 1894.

Anders Mattson was educated in the common schools of his native country, and in 1889 he came to the United States. He entered the theological seminary of Augustana College, at Rock Island, Illinois, and in 1891 was ordained a minister of the Swedish Lutheran church. His first charge was at Centerville, Iowa, and from 1893 until 1897 he

was located at Mediapolis, Iowa. In the latter year he removed to Warren, Minnesota, where he remained until 1903 and then spent three years in Brainerd, Minnesota. In 1906 he was called to the church at Alexandria, and has resided there since. He is a man of eloquence and ability in his chosen field of labor, and universally esteemed and respected. In political views he espouses the cause of the Republican party.

Rev. Mattson married, in 1891, Anna Martenson, of Jemtland, Sweden, and they have children as follows: Margaret, married Albert Dahlquist, merchant and postmaster at Middle River, Minnesota; Albin, of Warren, Minnesota; Edward, at Middle River, Minnesota, and Ernest and Verner, residing at home.

Frithiof Lawrence Kling, city physician of Alexandria, Minnesota, was born at Dixon, Illinois, February 24, 1873, and is a son of August and Caroline (Johnson) Kling. The father, a native of Skare, Westergotland, Sweden, followed the trade of watch-maker, and in 1865 emigrated to the United States. He enlisted in the Union army, one month before the close of hostilities. He located at Dixon, Illinois, and there opened a jewelry store, which he conducted until 1875, and in that year removed to Cedar Rapids, Iowa, where he opened a similar establishment, and continued there four years. In 1879 he settled at Des Moines, and in 1885 removed to Miller, South Dakota, where he followed the occupation of farmer until 1890. In that year he removed to Minneapolis, where he has since been established in the jewlery business. He had children as follows: Minnie, who married Matt Collet, a carpenter of Minneapolis; Frithiof L.; Hulda, married Louis Rahm, a millwright of Minneapolis; Laura, married Seymour Mowers, a wholesale crockery dealer, of Des Moines; and Ella, of Des Moines.

Dr. Kling attended the public schools of Des Moines and Miller, South Dakota, and graduated from the Central High School of Minneapolis in 1898. He graduated from the medical department of Hamline University in 1903. After spending one year as interne at Bethesda Hospital at St. Paul, he took charge of the hospital at Starbrook for two months, and then began practice at Pelican Rapids, where he remained two years. At this time he located at Alexandria, and has since continued there in the successful practice of his profession. Dr. Kling is health officer of Alexandria, county health officer, and city physician. He is a Republican in his political views, and belongs to the Knights of Pythias, Modern Woodmen of America, Ancient Order United Workmen and the County and State Medical associations. He married, October 6, 1904, Anna Lois, daughter of Reverend Hudgins, of Belleville, Ontario, she is a graduate nurse from St. Barnaby's Hospital, and a member of the Methodist Episcopal church. They have one son, William Lawrence.

Dr. Jacob Eric Nyquist, a physician and druggist residing at Cloquet, Minnesota, comes from one of the oldest Finnish families. He was born in Sundsvall, Sweden, November 11, 1873, and is a son of Jacob and Anna Maria (Segervael) Nyquist, farmers, and natives of Finland. His grandfather, Eric Nyquist, came from Finland, and settled in Mille Lacs county, Minnesota, at the age of eighty-seven years.

Dr. Nyquist removed with his parents to Finland when about four years old, and there attended school until 1886, when the family emigrated to the United States, locating in Bessemer, Michigan, where he attended the public schools. His mother died in 1887, and his father was killed in the mines in 1891. He had one brother, Alfred, now a student at Gustavus Adolphus College. Jacob Nyquist removed to Minnesota in the year following his father's death, and entered Gustavus Adolphus College at St. Peter, graduating in 1899, earning his way through college by teaching school in Minnesota and North Dakota. He taught school one year more, and in 1901 entered the medical department of the University of Minnesota, from which institution he graduated in 1905. For one year he was an interne at Bethesda Hospital, and then he spent a few months in Hibbing. He then removed to Cloquet, where he is now located, and has built up a good practice. He is an able physician, and also conducts a good drug store. He has been appointed physician to the Chippewa and Fond du Lac Indians, residing on the reservation. Dr. Nyquist is a member of the St. Louis County Medical Society, also of the State Medical Society. He is a Republican. He is now county coroner, which office he has already held two terms. He is a member and deacon in the Swedish Lutheran church. He married, June 4, 1908, Olina Olson, of Cloquet, a native of Småland, Sweden.

Frank Oscar Anderson, of the firm of Kolseth & Anderson, of Cloquet, was born at Östergötland, Sweden, September 29, 1863, and is a son of Andrew and Gustafa Larson. They were natives of Småland, and farmers, who lived and died in Sweden. They had four children, namely: Hannah, married Swante Larson, a farmer of Sweden; Carl Johan, a farmer living in Sweden; August Andrew, also a farmer in his native country; and Frank Oscar.

Mr. Anderson acquired his education in Sweden and came to the United States in April, 1881, locating at Red Wing, Minnesota, where he worked a short time in a stone quarry. He spent two years on a farm, worked some time in a clock factory at Red Wing, and then as delivery man. He was next employed in a livery stable, and then on a farm. In the winter of 1884 Mr. Anderson worked in the woods. He owned a team, and was employed as teamster, in 1885-6, and in 1887 removed to St. Paul, where he drove his own team and worked for the Northern Pacific Railway Company. He spent the next winter in the woods, and then located at Barnum, Minnesota, where he worked in a mill. Returning to Minneapolis, he worked as delivery man in a feed

store two and one-half years, returned to Barnum, and after spending the winter in the woods, entered the employ of the Johnson Company, spending eight years there and at Cloquet. In 1901 Mr. Anderson engaged in the grocery business in company with John Blomberg, in Cloquet; in February, 1902, Mr. Blomberg's interest was purchased by Ole Kolseth, and the firm has since continued as Kolseth & Anderson. They conduct a general store, carrying a high grade stock to the amount of about twenty thousand dollars. Mr. Anderson is a prominent and public-spirited citizen, and served two years as alderman of Cloquet. He is independent in politics.

Mr. Anderson married, August 21, 1886, Betsy Chelberg, of Red Wing, and they have been blessed with children as follows: Carl Arthur, aged nineteen, employed in the store; Earl Ernest, aged sixteen, driving a delivery wagon for the store; Ethel Mildred, aged twelve; and Luella May, aged two years.

Carl Oscar Farm.—Prominent among the younger representatives of the business interest of St. Cloud is numbered its retail shoe merchant, Carl Oscar Farm, a native born son of the state and of Swedish ancestry. His parents, C. L. and Louisa Farm, were born in that country, and coming to the United States their first home here was in St. Peter, and the father was employed at railroad work for about two years. He then purchased a tract of land in Nicollet county, and has since been numbered among the substantial agriculturists there. They have six living children, namely: Gustof Emil, who is farming with his father in Nicollet county; Hannah, the wife of A. G. Roust, also a farmer there; John H., engaged in the shoe business in Dakota; Carl O., of this review; Harry and Walter, who are also farming at home.

Carl O. Farm was born in Nicolett county November 18, 1880, and after a good educational training in the public schools in the Mankato Business College he entered upon his business career as a clerk in a dry goods store in Mankato. But after two years in that capacity he in company with his brother, John H., engaged in the shoe business in Mankato, but three years later Carl O. sold his interest to his brother, and coming to St. Cloud served a four years' clerkship in a shoe store here. He was later engaged in the same capacity for one year in St. Paul, and then returning to St. Cloud he in the spring of 1908 entered the retail shoe business for himself, and is thus prominently identifying himself with the life and interests of his city. He is a member of the Swedish Lutheran church, and is one of its trustees and a teacher in its Sunday-school. In politics he is a Republican voter.

Ebert Johnson is identified with the business life of St. Cloud as a hardware merchant. Coming to the United States in 1883 from his native land of Sweden, he entered at once upon his business career as

a hardware merchant in St. Cloud, his first work being in the capacity of a clerk, and in 1905, in association with L. E. Wakeman and Peter Vandershus, he embarked in the business on his own account. This association was continued until February 1, 1909, when Mr. Johnson purchased his partners' interests and has since conducted the business by himself, but retains the original name of the Powell Hardware Company. He carries a full and complete line of general hardware valued at about twenty thousand dollars, and he has enrolled his name among the foremost business men of his adopted city of St. Cloud.

Mr. Johnson was born in Vermland, Sweden, emigrated to America when eleven years old, and received his education at the State Normal School, St. Cloud, Minnesota. He is the son of Nels and Lena Johnson, the father, a saw mill operator, still living in Norrland, Sweden, but the mother is deceased, dying in 1888. Of their three children Ebert is the first born. His younger brother Elmer is a stationary engineer in St. Paul, and his sister Mary is the wife of Andrew Larson, a saw mill operator in Sweden. Mr. Johnson married on the 12th of June, 1895, Emma Lundblad, of Stanchfield, Minnesota, and their children are Clarence, Walter, Roy, Eleanor, Mildred, George, Clifford and Helen. He is a member of the Baptist church in St. Cloud, and is one of its board of deacons and its secretary. He is a Republican in his political affiliations, and has served his party as chairman of its county committees. The city numbers him among her most prominent business men and substantial and progressive citizens.

Rev. Peter Gatthard Nelson, pastor of the Swedish Baptist church at Cambridge, was born at Christianstads Län, Skåne, Sweden, May 5, 1873, and is the son of Nels and Hannah (Pehrson) Larson, natives of Skåne, where they lived on a farm. They came to the United States in 1892, and purchased a farm at Vasa, Minnesota, where they have since been living. They had two children, namely: Peter Gatthard, and Axel, a farmer, at Walnut Grove, Minnesota.

Peter G. Nelson received his education in his native land, and came to the United States in 1891, one year before his parents, and for four years was engaged in farming at Vasa. He then took a course at the Theological Department of the University of Chicago, graduating in 1901, and received his first pastorate at Rush Point, Isanti county, where he remained two and one-half years. After spending two and one-half years at Lake Elizabeth, he spent a similar length of time at Brainerd, after which he entered the work of state evangelist of Minnesota, holding revivals at many different places. After several years spent in this way he settled at Cambridge, which has since remained his post of duty, and where he is now pastor of the Swedish Baptist church. He is a man of pleasing address, an eloquent speaker, and has won many to the ways of truth. In every church under his charge he has held successful

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revival meetings and his field has been wide. In political views Reverend Nelson is a Republican, and he is a member of the North Star Association.

Reverend Nelson married, October 31, 1896, Mary Johnson, daughter of John Månson, of Skåne, Sweden, and they have two children, namely: Effie Victoria and Reuben Emanuel.

August Swanson has been a resident of St. Cloud, Minnesota, for more than twenty-five years, having come here direct from Sweden in 1882. Mr. Swanson was born in Småland, Sweden, June 24, 1855, son of Sven Gustof Jonasson and Christina Larson, farming people of Småland. In 1894, at the age of seventy, the father came to this country, and spent the closing years of his life in St. Cloud. He died here in 1898, at the age of seventy-four. He and his wife were the parents of eight children, namely: Carl Johan, a stone mason; August, the subject of this sketch; Christine, wife of August Sundberg, a plasterer by trade and a resident of Butte, Montana; Swan, of St. Cloud; Thilda, wife of August Halberg, of St. Cloud; Albertina, wife of Otto Nelson, of Ironwood, Michigan; and John Peter and Otto, both engaged in the laundry business, the former in Spokane, Washington, and the latter in Minneapolis.

August Swanson was educated in Sweden and there also learned the carpenter's trade, at which he worked until 1882, when he emigrated to this country and took up his residence in St. Cloud, Minnesota. His first year here was spent at work in a wagon shop, after which he turned his attention to the laundry business, and for sixteen and a half years operated a laundry. In the meantime he bought a farm, and after he sold his laundry he spent three years on the farm. In 1903, he opened a grocery, in connection with which he handles flour, feed, etc., carrying a $3,000 stock, and doing a prosperous business.

In May, 1884, Mr. Swanson married Miss Caroline Brockman, of Wermland, Sweden, and they have four children: Alice Victoria, a stenographer of Minneapolis, Minnesota; Albin Leonard, employed in his father's store; Godfrey Edwin, also employed in the store; and Mabel Isabel, at home. Mr. Swanson is a member of the Swedish Baptist church, and a voter with the Republican ranks.

Charles P. Ahlgren, of the Granite City Granite Company, of St. Cloud, Minnesota, was born in Småland, Sweden, December 27, 1863. His parents were Gustof and Christine Carlson, farming people, where the father is still living. They had eight children, of whom six are now living, namely: Johanna, of Sweden; Charles P.; Louisa, wife of A. Rosander, a tailor of Chicago, Illinois; Matilda, of Washington, D. C.; Helena, wife of B. Peterson, of Chicago, Illinois; and Johan.

Having received the usual public school education in his native land, Charles P. Ahlgren after leaving school was for four years engaged in farm work previous to his coming to America, which was in 1881.

Arrived here, he went to work in the quarries at Kasota, Minnesota, where he spent two years. He then learned the stone cutter's trade, which he has since followed. From 1898 to 1905, he was a member of the St. Cloud Granite Works and in the last named year he sold his interest in this company, and, with Axel E. Hagquist and Frank Ekstrom as partners, he organized the Granite City Granite Company, and has since conducted a prosperous business, dealing principally in monuments.

In 1888, Mr. Ahlgren married Miss Eva Anderson, of Mankato, and to them have been born one son and three daughters: Arthur, Helen, Agnes and Mabel. The family are members of the Swedish Mission church. Politically, Mr. Ahlgren affiliates with the Republican party, and is a member of the St. Cloud City Council.

Frederick Rudberg holds a position of note among the valued citizens of Litchfield, Meeker county, where, as a painter and decorator, he is carrying on a substantial business. A son of the late Johan Gustaf Rudberg, he was born July 13, 1869, in Grasmark, Vermland, Sweden.

John Gustaf Rudberg, a man of talent and education, was for many years the organist, and a teacher, in the public schools of Grasmark, serving in that capacity for nearly thirty years. He was accidentally killed by falling from a plank gang over a river, just as he was on his way to close up the school for the season. His wife, whose maiden name was Anna Holmstrom, survived him, and is now living in Minneapolis. She bore her husband nine children, as follows: Christina, widow of John Peterson, who died in 1899; Johanna died in infancy; Jacob, a rancher in Montana; Julius, a merchant tailor in Minneapolis; Melcher and Olof Frithiof, painters in Minneapolis; Frederick, with whom this sketch is chiefly concerned; Otto Edwin died in Tacoma, Washington; and Anna Sophia, wife of Thor Olson, a contracting plasterer in Minneapolis.

Frederick Rudberg obtained his elementary education in his father's school, and at the age of twelve years went to Stockholm, Sweden's capital, where he remained some time, working first in his cousin's book and music store, and later as an apprentice at the trade of a painter and decorator. At the age of sixteen years, he shipped as a cabin boy on a steamer sailing to Denmark, France, England, and other countries. The following year, in 1886, he came to Minneapolis, where two of his brothers and a sister were living, and at first worked day times in a grocery store, and attended evening schools in order to learn the English language.

Mr. Rudberg is an accomplished musician, playing the trombone, the euphonium, and the piano with skill, and for some time played in Oscar Ringwall's band and orchestra, for two years of the time being manager of both organizations. Subsequently enlisting in the United States Army, he was sent with his regiment to the Philippine Islands, and was soon promoted to corporal, and the following week was made sergeant of his company, remaining in that capacity until 1901, when he was made principal musician, a position that he held the remainder of his

army service. He participated while in the Philippines in a number of engagements, being with General Wheaton on his expedition to Cavite and Batangas, from January 4 to January 14, 1900, and from February 15 until February 22, 1900, being with General Bates's expedition to the province of Camarines. On June 3, 1901, Mr. Rudberg was honorably discharged from the army with the following testimony: Honest and Faithful, and Character excellent.

Returning from the Philippines to Minneapolis, Mr. Rudberg spent the following year as a musician, and the next year located in Litchfield, where he has since been successfully employed as a painter and decorator, among other works of importance in which he has been engaged having been the painting of several church edifices.

Mr. Rudberg married, in 1891, Carolina Larson, who was born, in 1869, in Vestergötland, Sweden, and of the four children that have been born of their union three are living, namely: Hazel Danelia, born June 12, 1892; Arvid Mauritz, born May 25, 1896; and Evelyn Sylvia, born August 8, 1908. Fraternally Mr. Rudberg is a Blue Lodge Mason; a Master Workman in the Ancient Order of United Workmen of America; and is district deputy of the United Ancient Order of Druids. He has also the distinction of being president of the oldest Scandinavian Music Band in Minnesota, the Band of Litchfield, which has existed for twenty-two years, and during the entire time has been under the leadership of Prof. O. A. Olson. Mr. Rudberg was formerly captain of the local Fire Department, and is now captain of the Hook and Ladder truck. He resides in his own house, which is pleasantly located at No. 424 Miller avenue.

John A. Carlson.—Endowed by nature with those habits of industry, perseverance and thrift characteristic of the Swedish race, John A. Carlson has met with success in the business world, and as one of the leading carpenters and contractors of North Mankato is kept busily employed in this part of Blue Earth county. He was born, March 8, 1864, in Boras, Tarpasocken, Ryssby, Elfsborgs Län, Westergötland, Sweden, where his parents, Carl August and Maria (Olofson) Johnson, were born, reared, married, and are still living, the father being a farmer, builder, and contractor. He is the oldest child in a family of eight, five boys and three girls, their names being as follows: Carl, a contractor in Sweden; Lars, an ice dealer in Sweden; Claus, engaged in carpentering in his native land; Clara, a dressmaker, in Sweden; Louise, a dressmaker, still a resident of her native country; Anna, also living in Sweden; Gustaf died in infancy; and John A., the subject of this brief sketch.

After leaving school John A. Carlson learned the carpenter's trade, which he followed at first in his native country. Desirous, however, of broadening his scope of action, he left Sweden on June 27, 1889, coming to Lakefield, Jackson county, Minnesota, where he remained about three months. Locating then in Blue Earth county, Mr. Carlson established

himself as a carpenter and contractor at North Mankota, and here from the very first met with such encouraging success that he has remained until the present time, devoting his time and attention to the needs of his patrons.

Mr. Carlson married, in June, 1888, in Sweden, Wilhelmina Christina Jacobson, daughter of Jacob Nelson, of Sweden, and they are the parents of three children, namely: Elvida Otille, Clara Cecilia, and Carl Elmer, all of whom are attending school. True to the religious faith in which he was brought up, Mr. Carlson is a member of the Swedish Lutheran church, in which he is a deacon. Politically he is a steadfast Republican, and fraternally he belongs to, and is treasurer of, the Workmen's Benefit Association.

John N. Stenborg, of Sacred Heart, Minnesota, is a prominent factor in his town, where he has been engaged in a general mercantile business for over twenty years. Mr. Stenborg was born in Wermland, Sweden, January 20, 1861, son of Nils and Karin Stenborg, farming people of Wermland, where they passed their lives, and died, the former in 1907, at the age of eighty-six years; the latter in 1901, at the age of seventy-four years. In their family were ten children, of whom six are living at this writing, namely: Marie, wife of August Randstrom; Karin, wife of J. Johnson, a farmer; Marit, wife of Eric Johnson, a farmer; Gertrude, wife of O. Olson, a farmer; and Carl, also a farmer—all of Sweden—John N., the youngest, the subject of this sketch, being the only one of the family in America.

John N, Stenborg in his youth attended the public school in his native land, and after he came to this country, in 1879, he went to school for a short time. The chief part of his education, however, has been gained in the broad school of experience, and in the true sense of the work he may be termed self-made. The first two years of his life in America were spent on a farm near Sacred Heart. The next five years he clerked in a general store, during this time gaining a knowledge of the details of business that later enabled him to make a success of his undertakings. The year 1886 he spent in travel. He visited California, Oregon, Washington and other western states, and upon his return to Minnesota accepted a position as clerk in a clothing store in Minneapolis, where he remained two and a half years. Then he came back to Sacred Heart and engaged in business for himself. That was in 1889. He opened up a stock of general merchandise, and from the start has met with well-earned success, carrying a stock of well assorted goods to the value of over $10,000.

May 12, 1892, Mr. Stenborg married Miss Sarah Maria Olson, of Alexandria, Minnesota, and they have four children: Albert, Oscar, William and Elmer, all at school. Politically, Mr. Stenborg is a Republican, and has always taken a commendable interest in public affairs, especially those of his own locality, and as a member of the city council and school board he has rendered valued service to his town. He was reared a

Lutheran, to which faith he still clings, being prominent and active in church work, having served as a trustee of the church for twelve years.

Olof Peter Erickson, a successful real estate dealer of Brainerd, Minnesota, and the owner of mining and lumber land in various parts of Minnesota, was born February 4, 1857, at Wermland, Sweden, and is a son of Eric and Maria Erickson, both natives of the same place, where their entire lives were spent.

Mr. Erickson received his education in the common schools of Sweden, and when a young man emigrated to the United States, landing at New York June 11, 1877. He located at Minneapolis, where for a year he worked as a laborer, and then until 1881 worked at lumbering and various other occupations as opportunity offered. He then entered the employ of the Northern Pacific Railway, as foreman and inspector, making his home at Brainerd, and worked there until 1891. Until 1896 he engaged himself in lumbering, and in that year was elected sheriff of Crow Wing county, being re-elected continuously and holding office until January 1, 1909.

He now turns his activities in the line of real estate, and his other business interests. He takes an active interest in public affairs, and has done much toward the growth and upbuilding of the community; he lives up to his beliefs and principles, standing for right and justice in all things. He was a member of the school board, being president in 1892 and treasurer in 1893. He was also at that time president of the Coöperative Store and vice-president of the Building & Loan Association, both of which are not in business now. He is a member of the Ancient Order of United Workmen, Modern Woodmen of America, and the Yeomen. In political views he is an independent. Mr. Erickson married, June 23, 1883, Betsy C. Johnson, daughter of Olof Johnson, of Wright county, Minnesota, and their children are: Mamie, living at home; Clara, a teacher in Bellingham, Minnesota; and Lester, in school.

John Stenberg, a prominent shoe dealer of Brainerd, was born in Movik, Dalsland, Elfsborgs län, Sweden, February 14, 1865. He is a son of John and Maria (Anderson) Stenberg, natives of the same place; his father was a shoemaker, and both he and his wife are now deceased. They had two children: John, and Caroline, who married Anton Anderson.

John Stenberg began his education in his native town and continued it in Norway, where he also learned the trade of shoemaker, following it in Norway and Sweden until 1892, when he emigrated to the United States. Upon coming to this country he worked some years in the lumber yards at Shell Lake, Washburn and West Superior, Wisconsin, and for two years conducted a shoe repairing shop. He settled in Brainerd in 1901, and there engaged in business in the retail shoe business, which he has since con-

tinued, with gratifying success and profit. He carries an average stock of three thousand dollars' worth of goods.

Mr. Stenberg is an independent in politics. He married, October 29, 1903, Hilda Maria Johnson, of Poplar, Wisconsin, and they are members of the Swedish Mission church of Brainerd. He has been able to work up a good trade and endeavors to please his customers by fair treatment and the highest grade of goods, thus laying a sure foundation for future success.

Dr. Otto W. Sterner, of Cambridge, was born at Småland, Sweden, October 1, 1878, and is a son of John and Johanna Magnusson, both natives of Sweden. The father was born in 1831 and his wife in 1837. They came to the United States in 1891, and after living a few years at St. Paul settled on a farm in Chisago county, where they still reside. Their children are: August Tour, a soldier, residing in Sweden; Martha, who married Charles Ringus, a farmer of Washington county, Minnesota; Tilda, married to Peter Cedarstrom, a farmer of Washington county; Charles M., a Swedish mission minister, of Worthington; Peter Johnson, a painter, of St. Paul; Anna, who married E. G. Stone, a fruit farmer in California; Ida, wife of Charles Moline, foreman in the Golden Rule Stables, of St. Paul; Dr. Otto W., of this sketch; and Ernest G., a physician residing in St. Paul and mentioned elsewhere in this work.

Otto W. Sterner began his education in his native country and came to the United States with his parents in 1891, for one year attending the public school. He then worked as cash boy in a department store, and afterward as an office boy for a physician. In 1895 he reëntered school and was graduated from a St. Paul high school in 1899. He was graduated from the medical department of the University of Minnesota in 1903, since which time he has been in successful practice of his profession at Cambridge. He is a skilled physician and has been honored by election to the office of coroner of the county, and has also served as mayor of his town. He belongs to County, State and National Medical Associations, and is a member of the Swedish Lutheran church.

Doctor Sterner married, October 1, 1903, Hildegarde, daughter of Charles G. Johnson, of St. Paul, and they have one son, E. Russell, born June 29, 1906.

Doctor G. Alfred Magnusson, a prominent physician of Aitkin, was born in Chisago county, Minnesota, April 25, 1880, and is a son of Sven and Christine Maria (Stendahl) Magnusson, the father being a native of Småland, where he lived on a farm. He came to the United States about 1868, locating in Chisago county, and purchased a tract of land, which he cultivates. His children are: Peter Magnus, professor of history and civics at St. Cloud Normal School; Victor, died in infancy; Matilda Louise, at home; Ida Christina, married Arthur Elftman, a mining engineer, of Tonopah, Nevada; Carl Edward, head of the electrical depart-

ment of the University of Washington at Seattle; Jennie Marie, a teacher in the Minneapolis public schools; Herman Victor, a physician, of Aitkin, Minnesota; Hulda Sophia, a teacher in Gustavus Adolphus College, at St. Peter; Gustav Alfred, of this sketch; and Axel Theodore, a student.

Dr. Magnusson was educated in the East Side high school of Minneapolis, Normal School of St. Cloud, and received the degree A. B. in the University of New Mexico. He graduated from the medical department of the University of Minnesota in 1908, and was for a year assistant at the Northwestern Hospital at Brainerd. He is now associated in partnership with his brother at Aitkin, Minnesota, where they have a large practice. He is a man of high ideals and ambitions, and during the time of acquiring his education taught school three years. He is a member of the Swedish Lutheran church and in politics is a Democrat.

Rev. Alfred J. Elmér, pastor of the Swedish Lutheran church at Milaca, Minnesota, was born at Pjettry, Kroneberg's province, Sweden, May 6, 1859, son of Anders Johnson and Martha Peterson, and his aged mother is still living in Sweden. His father died in 1882. Their family comprised nine children, as follows: Swen Johan, Maria Christina, and Anna Katerina, all living on farms in Sweden; Adolph, deceased; Carl August, farming in Sweden; Alfred J., of this sketch; Elof and Otto, engaged in farming in Sweden; and Emma Sophia, deceased.

Alfred J., the fourth son mentioned, was reared to farm life and educated in the common schools of his native land. For two years after coming to the United States in 1887, he continued to be engaged in agricultural pursuits in Henry county, Illinois, and in 1890 became a student in Augustana College. He worked his way through that institution, as well as in the theological seminary, and in 1898 was ordained to the ministry at Galesburg, Illinois. Afterward he took charge of a church near Cokato, Minnesota, where his pastorate covered a period of three years. His next charge was seven and a half miles from the first, and he served it faithfully and ably three and a half years, his pastorate of the Milaca church dating from 1904.

Of Mr. Elmér's family we record that on the 6th of July, 1898, he married Miss Anna Louisa Juleen, of Whitehall, Michigan, and to them have been born five children. Johannes Augustus, the eldest, died at the age of five years, and the others, in order of birth, are as follows: Joseph Constantine, Oscar Clemence, Alfred Theodoros and Martha Dorothea. Politically Rev. Elmér is a Republican, but all his strength and abilities are given to his chosen calling in the cause of Christianity and Lutheranism.

John Algren.—Many of the energetic and enterprising men that have so largely assisted in developing the agricultural resources of Minnesota are of foreign birth and breeding, and have brought to this country the habits of thrift and industry that have gained them success in their

various pursuits. Noteworthy among this number is John Algren, an active and well-to-do farmer of Hasty, Wright county. He was born, June 1, 1867, in Wermland, Sweden, where he received a practical common school education.

At the age of seventeen years, ambitious to improve his financial opportunities, Mr. Algren emigrated to the United States, locating in 1884 in Kansas, where for a time he was employed in railroad work. Subsequently coming to Minnesota, he was for several years engaged in business in Minneapolis, where he made money. Wisely investing his accumulations in land, Mr. Algren bought a farm in Hasty a few years ago, and has since been actively and successfully engaged in its improvement. Here he is carrying on general farming in a profitable manner, in the meantime taking special pleasure in the raising of fruit, enjoying the beautiful blossoms of the trees in the springtime and their luscious fruit during and after harvesting. Mr. Algren has a beautiful modern home, with conveniences equal to those of many city homes, he having spared neither time nor expense in adding such improvements as may be of use and comfort to the family.

Mr. Algren is married but has no children. Although Mr. Algren confines his attention principally to the care of his farm, he still has business interests of importance in Minneapolis.

Henry Strom.—Noteworthy among the enterprising and active business men of Gibbon, Sibley county, is Henry Strom, who, as junior member of the firm of Olson & Strom, is identified with the mercantile prosperity of the city. A son of Bengt Strom, he was born in Kroneberg's län, Sweden, August 15, 1865, and there lived until four years of age.

Born and brought up in Kronebergs län, Sweden, Bengt Strom became a farmer from choice, and was employed in tilling the soil in his native land for a number of years after his marriage. Hoping in America to give his children better advantages in every respect, he emigrated to this country in 1869, arriving in the month of May. Coming directly to Sibley county, he took up land in Cornish township, and on the homestead which he improved still resides, a happy and contented farmer. To him and his good wife, whose maiden name was Inga Nelson, six children have been born, as follows: John, died at the age of fifteen years; Carl, died in childhood; Henry, the subject of this sketch; Otto William, living on the home farm; Alma, wife of Gustaf Blaad, a farmer, residing at Palmyra, Renville county; and Jennie, living with her parents. Mr. Bengt Strom is a valued member of the Methodist Episcopal church, in which he has held all of the offices.

A mere child when he accompanied his parents to Minnesota, Henry Strom received his elementary education in the common schools of his district, after which he took a commercial course at Gustavus Adolphus College. Turning then his attention to agricultural pursuits he assisted in the management of the home farm for fifteen years. Locating in Gibbon

in 1906, Mr. Strom formed a copartnership with Hans Olson, and has since, under the firm name of Olson & Strom, carried on a successful business as a general merchant, having an excellent trade.

Mr. Strom married, July 3, 1895, Anna Olin, daughter of Aaron Melander, a well-known farmer, and into their household four children have been born, namely: Helen, Carl, Myrtle, and Annie. Religiously Mr. Strom belongs to the Methodist Episcopal church, and in politics is an Independent Republican. Interested in educational matters, he was a member of the school board several terms, and for four years was clerk.

Alvin Ernest Olson, chief engineer at the water works at Somerset, was born June 22, 1878, in Hällesjö, Sweden, a son of Nils and Anna (Engstrom) Olson. Nils Olson, born in 1834, was a tailor in Hällesjö, but coming to the United States he was a farmer near Mora, in Kanabec county, Minnesota, from 1882 until his death in 1889. His widow has since married Nils Berglin, also a farmer near Mora. The children born to Mr. and Mrs. Olson are: Emma, who married William Oscar Johnson, a real estate dealer in Portland, Oregon; Christine, the wife of Nils Agran, a printer in that city; Anna, who married Nels Thompson, who died in 1903 in Colorado, and they had two children; Carl Theodore, a farmer near Mora, is married and has four children; Lydia, the wife of John Larson, a pattern maker owning his own business in Spokane, Washington, and he is married and has four children; Alvin E., mentioned below; Jennie Theresia, the wife of J. McNulty, a carpenter in Spokane; Sven Olof Leonard, a railroad contractor in Spokane, is married and has one child; Hilding, is living with her mother on the homestead near Mora.

Alvin E. Olson came to America with the family in 1882 and they located their farm near Mora. He remained on the farm there and attended public school until the homestead was sold in 1899, and he then went to Stillwater and learned the machinist trade. After four years there he returned to Minneapolis, where he resided until 1908, and then accepting a good position with the water company at Somerset, Wisconsin, he has since remained in that city. He married Anna Ganhild Dahl, who was born on April 8, 1879, in Alsterbo, Småland, Sweden, a daughter of N. A. Dahl, from the same place. The two children of this union are Florence and Ethel, born in April, 1904, and in October, 1906, respectively. Mrs. Olson is a member of the Lutheran church, while Mr. Olson is a member of the Mission church. He has a splendid first tenor voice, and is one of the leading members of the Gustavus Adolphus Singing Society.

Frank A. Nelson, an enterprising photographer of Little Falls, Minnesota, was born December 28, 1872, in Elmhult, Småland, Sweden, and is a son of Nels and Ellen (Eling) Person, who lived on a farm. The mother died and in 1904 the father came to the United States, locating at

Center City, Minnesota, where he now lives, retired. He was born in 1831 and his wife in 1829. They had children as follows: Johanna, married Jacob Jacobson, of Sweden; Christiana, married William Sundberg, of Sweden; Blenda, unmarried; Tilda, married Fred Palmdahl, of Minneapolis; John, manufacturer of monuments, at Center City; Peter, a photographer, living at Anoka, Minnesota; and Frank A.

Frank A. Nelson received his education in Sweden and worked on a farm until he came to the United States, in 1892. He first located in Minneapolis, and worked one year for Gillette-Herscher Manufacturing Company, tending a machine. He learned photography with his brother Peter, at Anoka, and has since followed this avocation. He has operated a studio at Little Falls since 1897, and has branches at Royalton and Pierce; formerly he had branches at Aitkin and Staples. He is master of this art and has been very successful.

In political views Mr. Nelson is independent. Fraternally he is a member of the Modern Woodmen of America. He married, October 17, 1900, Tillie Eklund, of Minnesota, and they have two children, Victor and Floyd.

J. H. Peterson.—Holding an assured position among the industrious and highly respected citizens of Worthington, Nobles county, is J. H. Peterson, who is carrying on a substantial business as a carpenter and contractor, his mechanical skill and honest work winning him a good patronage. Like many of the most thrifty and prosperous citizens of this part of the Union, he is of foreign birth, having been born, May 8, 1871, in Dahlsland, Sweden. His parents, Per and Amelia (Johnson) Olson, are still living in their native land, owning and occupying a farm in Sweden. They had five children, namely: Axel Theodore, engaged in agricultural pursuits in Sweden; Hedwig, wife of Axel Johnson, a farmer in Sweden; Emma, wife of a Mr. Carlson, also employed in Sweden as a tiller of the soil; Alma, married Charles Berg, a carpenter of Sioux City, Iowa; and J. H., the special subject of this brief biographical sketch.

Having completed his school life, J. H. Peterson was employed in a public capacity for a few months, working for the official corresponding in the United States to that of sheriff. In 1887, enthused by the glowing accounts of the prosperity to be gained in America, Mr. Peterson crossed the ocean, emigrating to Nova Scotia, where for eight months, in Halifax, he worked as a teamster. Continuing his journey westward, Mr. Peterson located in Chicago, Illinois, where for four months he was employed by the Pullman Company. Going from there to Omaha, he worked at street paving for a similar length of time, after which he resided for four years in Sioux City, Iowa, where he was engaged a part of the time in railroad work, principally being employed, however, as a carpenter. He subsequently spent a year working as a bridge carpenter at Sioux Falls, South Dakota. Coming then to Nobles county, Minnesota, Mr.

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Peterson settled in Worthington as a carpenter, and since 1900 has made a specialty of contracting and building, in this employment meeting with well-merited success.

Mr. Peterson married, September 17, 1896, and has one child, Elsie Hedwig, now attending school. Politically Mr. Peterson is an earnest advocate of the principles of the Republican party, and religiously is a conscientious member of the Swedish Lutheran church.

Louis Nelson, D. D. S., was born at Lake Park, in Becker county, Minnesota, July 18, 1872, to the marriage union of Nils and Christina Nilson. Nils Nilson, now seventy-three years of age, and his wife, sixty-nine years, are among the earliest Swedish settlers in this part of Minnesota, and of the ten children which blessed their union the six now living are: Kerstin, married to Magnus Lindstrom, a farmer at Lake Park; Louis and August, twins, and the latter is also a farmer at Lake Park; and John and Emma, twins, the former a druggist at Lake Park; and Hilda, wife of O. A. Erickson, a hardware merchant of Lake Park.

Louis Nelson received his early education in a district school and was confirmed in the Lutheran church. Later, in company with his brothers, John and August, he pursued a course at Hope Academy and still later entered Augustana College at Rock Island, Illinois, and pursued a three years' course there, and at its close matriculated in the University of Minnesota and graduated from its dental department in 1900 as a Doctor of Dental Surgery. During the two years following his graduation Dr. Nelson practiced in Minneapolis in association with Dr. Burg in the Andrus Building, and since 1902 he has been a member of the dental profession at Moorhead.

In 1905 he married Miss Annie M. Bjorge, a daughter of Banker Bjorge, of Lake Park, and a son, Oscar Louis Norman, was born to them on March 1, 1909. Dr. and Mrs. Nelson are members of the Swedish Lutheran church at Lake Park. He is also a member of the State Dental Society, the Red River Valley Dental Society and of the Knights of Pythias and Elks fraternities. Being gifted with a fine basso baritone voice, while at Augustana College he traveled through the eastern and western states with the Re-Echo Quartet, and has belonged to the Twin City Quartet and the Arpi Sextet. He is very popular in this city, and enjoys an extensive dental practice.

Nils Nilson.—The time is quite near when the host of friends listed by the venerable Nils Nilson, of Lake Park township, Becker county, as the most valued asset of his good fortune may celebrate the fortieth anniversary of the coming to America of one of the most highly successful Swedes who ever honored that section of Minnesota with his stalwart character and his works of practical usefulness and Christian zeal. Now in his seventy-third year he is a prince among the land owners and operators of the Swedish-American element, and in company

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with his material prosperity stands the splendid fact that he has never shirked his duty toward his church, his community with its varied charities, or his family with its human demands upon his patience, his generosity and his love. Not far from his fine homestead is a handsome religious edifice called the Eksjö church, which is a symbol of his faith, that of the old Lutheran school, and in which he has labored as an active member and an official for many years. Neither does he forget his duties as a most devout and humble worshiper. His local influence with his brethren has carried him abroad as a delegate both to the assemblies of the Lutheran Augustana Synod and to the Minnesota Conference of the church. Vigorous in body and mind, sound in heart, thoroughly versed in the doctrines of his faith, he has always been one of the popular, marked and influential members of these public conferences between representatives of his faith; and his private life has been in conformity with his open professions.

Mr. Nilson is a native of Appelbo, Dalarne, Sweden, born April 5, 1837, to Nils Ersson and his wife, Anna Jonson. They were both of ancient yeoman stock. The father, born in 1797, died in 1871, and the mother, whose natal year was 1801, passed away in 1898, at the unusual age of ninety-seven years. They became the parents of four sons and one daughter, of whom only Nils and his brother, Olof (the latter in Sweden), are living. Nils Nilson worked on the old homestead until he emigrated to the United States in 1870, settling at Spring Brook, near Eau Claire, Wisconsin. There he remained a year, and then leaving his wife and three children at the place named he went to Minnesota to locate a homestead. Finding suitable land for the purpose at Lake Park, he returned to Wisconsin for his family. First he bought a team of horses and a sleigh and, accompanied by his family and three countrymen, he set out for St. Paul. When he arrived at that city the snow had melted, so he bought a wagon and shipped his sleigh by rail to St. Cloud, driving his team and wagon and the entire party walking except the children. In St. Cloud they struck snow again; packed the wagon on the sleigh and thus continued to Alexandria, where he left his wife and children and returned to Sauk Center to regather his household goods which he had left there. From Alexandria the party continued the journey to Lake Park without serious mishap, but under continuous suffering and privations, arriving at Lake Park in April, 1871. At that time and in that country a man who was the possessor of a team of horses was considered rich, and as Nelson had soon added a yoke of oxen to his original animals he promptly became a leader among his fellow farmers. As his land was rolling prairie it was easily broken and it was not long before he had many acres of his first quarter section under the plow. Following the ready cultivation of his fertile land came rich harvests, gathered by skilful hands and placed on the market with good judgment, and the fine profits were periodically invested in other lands until now rolls before him a splendid landed domain of three hundred and seventy-three

acres, two hundred of which are under cultivation, fifty acres in timber and the balance in rich pasture. Many years ago Mr. Nilson passed that point of life where it was necessary for him to be closely bound to his lands in order that his affairs should not suffer; so that in 1892 he was able to perform a duty, prompted by filial love and affection for his native land, by visiting his aged mother in Sweden, after an absence of twenty-two years.

Nine years before his departure to America Nils Nilson had married Miss Christina Larson, daughter of Lars and Christina (Christianson) Larson. Mr. and Mrs. Nilson have had ten children, of whom four are deceased; two died in infancy, one son (Nils) at the age of twenty-one years, and one daughter (Anna), who was married to Erik Erikson, and died at the age of thirty-five years, leaving four children. The living children are as follows: Kerstin, born in 1861, who married Magnus Lindström, a Lake Park farmer; August and Lars (Louis), born July 18, 1872 (twins), of whom August is the manager of his father's farm, and Louis is a popular and skilful dentist, with headquarters in Moorhead, but well known in the Twin Cities; John and Emma, also twins, born January 31, 1875—John being a druggist at Lake Park and Emma residing with her parents; and Hilda, born October 4, 1884, who became the wife of O. A. Erickson, a hardware merchant at Lake Park.

Victor Emanuel Lawson was born at Paxton, Illinois, March 24, 1871, a son of Carl M. and Maria (Lindstrom) Lawson, both born in Sweden. Carl Magnus Lawson (Larson) was born at Ekeberg, Mjölby parish, Linköpingslän, April 4, 1834, and Maria, his wife was born November 9, 1837, the first born child of Jonas Lindstrom, who resided near Ronneby, Sweden. James J. Lindstrom, a brother of Mrs. Lawson, born August 25, 1840, enlisted at the age of twenty-one in Company H of the Forty-fifth Illinois Infantry at Rock Island. He served in General Grant's first campaign on the Tennessee river, and was wounded at the battle of Pittsburg Landing, necessitating the amputation of a foot. He taught school in the early days at Chisago Lake, Minnesota, and he died at Crystal Lake, Illinois, January 19, 1887. His widow, Mrs. Elsie E. Lindstrom, resides at New London, Minnesota. Andrew J. Lindstrom, another brother of Mrs. Lawson, born May 14, 1843, attracted as a youth the notice of the early founders of the Swedish Lutheran church. He was induced to continue his studies and was sent back to Sweden, where he graduated from the University of Upsala in 1869 with the degree of Ph. D. He was ordained to the ministry and became a professor at Augustana College, but his promising career was cut short by death. He died at Lake Jessup, Florida, whither he had gone for his health, January 24, 1872.

The Lawsons were among the early Swedish emigrants to arrive in America in the fifties, and the father of both Mr. and Mrs. Lawson fell victims to the epidemic of the Asiatic cholera. The families located at

Rock Island, Illinois, and vicinity. Mr. Carl M. Lawson secured work in a sash and door factory and became a carpenter and contractor. During his stay in Rock Island he changed the spelling of his name slightly to distinguish it from other Larsons residing there. In 1863 the family moved to Paxton, Illinois, where Dr. Hasselquist had founded a Swedish colony in connection with Augustana College, and a modest little home was built within a block of the school, where the family continued to live for seventeen years. But in the interest of the health of Mrs. Lawson the family moved to Minnesota in the fall of 1880, locating at New London. They settled on a farm at that time covered with brush and timber, in section 16, a mile and a half from the village, but a few years later the farm was rented and a residence was built in the village, where the family now lives. Mr. Lawson labored at his trade continuously for more than fifty years. Both he and his wife are active members of the Lebanon Lutheran church. They became the parents of fifteen children, but of these nine died in infancy, and those surviving are: Carrie, now Mrs. F. O. Swanson, of Green Lake; Thomas J., who resides with his wife and five children at New Lebanon; Victor E., mentioned below; Eben E., who has obtained a reputation as an artist, and who resides with his wife at Pasadena, California; and Elsie Theodora and Esther V., who are with their parents.

Victor E. Lawson attended a private Swedish primary school and later the graded public school, and after the family came to this county his time was divided between attending the New London school, participating in the struggle to clear the land and doing the usual farm work. His early ambition was to learn the printer's trade, and all his small savings were invested in printing material, while the most of his leisure time was spent at this work and in reading all the books and literature within his reach. In the spring of 1889 he secured a teacher's certificate and taught a term of school in district No. 8, and in the summer following he was offered the position of manager of the New London *Times,* which he accepted. Less than two years later he purchased the *Times* in the name of his brother, T. J. Lawson, as he was not of age at the time. In 1892 he was appointed deputy postmaster and erected a brick-veneered building to accommodate the postoffice and his printing business, and he was acting postmaster until the office went into Democratic hands, while besides being editor and postmaster he served as township justice, village recorder and chief of the fire department.

Mr. Lawson was in those days an ardent Republican, and his convictions led him into many a battle with the numerous Populists of the neighborhood, and these controversies also led him to study economics until finally he reluctantly saw one after another of his cherished political notions dissipated by logic and reason, the result being that the fire of enthusiastic youth was damped in the *Times.* When in the spring of 1895 the editor was offered the management of the new Populist newspaper at Willmar by Dr. C. Johnson, a former political associate, the

chance for an enlarged field of action was gladly accepted. He moved to Willmar in the spring of 1895, and thenceforth gave all his efforts to establishing the new paper on a permanent basis. It was a hard struggle during the first years, but the paper finally emerged from the status of a campaign sheet to a live local paper with decided opinions and zealous for the welfare and upbuilding of its home county and city.

In the summer of 1897 Mr. Lawson and F. F. Nelson erected a business block that became known as the Tribune Building. On January 12, 1898, J. Emil Nelson acquired a one-half interest in the business, Dr. Johnson at the same time retiring from the firm. Mr. Nelson became the business manager, and with his exceptional ability as a solicitor, the new firm did many big stunts in the way of special editions that were quite unusual for a country newspaper. The final enterprise of the firm of Lawson & Nelson was the publication of the Kandiyohi County History, on which work was begun in 1901, and which was brought to a successful conclusion in 1905. One eminent authority who examined this work stated as his belief "that never before was so small a political division enriched and dignified by a history of itself as Kandiyohi county is by this publication." The financing and soliciting for the work was done by Mr. Nelson and Mr. Lawson superintended the compilation of the subject matter, Martin E. Tew being the author of the chapters relating to the early and political history of the county and a number of other persons assisting in the work.

In January, 1907, Mr. Nelson having become extensively interested in other business ventures, the firm was dissolved, and Mr. Lawson became the exclusive owner of the Willmar *Tribune* printing plant. He has purchased the lot adjoining the government building in this city and expects in a short time to erect a modern printing house and equip it with an up-to-date printing plant, and he will then have the necessary facilities for establishing a journal of special interest to Swedish-Americans throughout the country and which will fulfill a long cherished plan.

Since the collapse of the People's party movement the *Tribune* has remained independent in politics. It espoused the anti-license cause in 1898, and the *Tribune* was one of the very first local papers in Minnesota that came out openly for prohibition. County option for Minnesota has been its slogan for more than twelve years. The opinion is freely expressed that the fact that Willmar is a clean town without saloons and that it has been so for ten and a half years out of the last twelve, as well as the fact that nearly all the villages for many miles around are also without saloons, is due largely to the fact of the fearless stand taken by the *Tribune* years ago and its participation annually in the campaigns.

Mr. Lawson has been a member of the Minnesota Editorial Association for twenty years, and was elected a life member of the Minnesota Historical Society after the Kandiyohi County History appeared. He is an active member of the Willmar Commercial Club and the chairman of its publicity committee, and is secretary of the Willmar Park Assem-

bly. He is a member of the Swedish Lutheran Bethel church at Willmar and is a member of its board of trustees. He has also been twice honored by election as lay delegate to the national assembly or synod, and was a member of the board of education which established the Minnesota College at Minneapolis in 1904.

On September 20, 1894, Mr. Lawson married Miss Minnie Nelson, a daughter of S. M. and Karolina Nelson, of New London, and she died on the 14th of December, 1901, without issue. On the 13th of May, 1909, he wedded Miss Julia Källstrom, a native of Ishpeming, Michigan.

Edwin Nordstrom, druggist at Sacred Heart, Minnesota, was born at Beckeforsammlung, Stenby pastorate, Dalsland, Elfsborgs Län, Sweden, August 14, 1862. He came to the United States in 1875, a boy of thirteen, and worked on a farm in Renville county, five miles west of Sacred Heart. Later he served an apprenticeship in a drug store. Previous to his coming to this country he attended public school in Sweden, and after coming to Minnesota he continued his studies while working on the farm and in the store. Feeling the need, however, of better educational equipment, in 1882, he entered Gustavus Adolphus College at St. Peter, where he took the regular course, and graduated in 1885. He worked his way through college by teaching, and for three years after his graduation he taught school in Renville county, following which he spent three years as clerk in a drug store, and took a course in the Minnesota Institute of Pharmacy at Minneapolis. In 1891, having been made a registered pharmacist, he came to Sacred Heart and engaged in the drug business on his own account, and here he has since continued successfully.

August 25, 1898, Mr. Nordstrom married Miss Helma C. Hilden, of Montevideo, and their union has been blessed in the birth of two children, Evelyn Augusta and Verdi Jerome. Mr. Nordstrom casts his vote with the Republican party.

Emanuel Rylander, manager of the interests of the Minneapolis Brewing Company at Litchfield, is a native of Sweden, born March 22, 1872, and is a son of Carl and Augusta Rylander. He obtained a high school education and also pursued a course at the Agricultural College of Sweden, from which he graduated in 1889. Not long after leaving college he became an inspector in Kalmar, a maritime province of southeastern Sweden, and remained in that position for about three years, when he resigned to engage with his father in the cattle business.

Mr. Rylander emigrated to the United States in 1898, and for two years was a resident of Chicago, employed as a clerk with the Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific Railroad. He then came to Minneapolis and established an insurance and labor employment agency, which eventually transacted quite an extensive business. In January, 1908, he located at Litchfield, and as manager of the Minneapolis Brewing Company at that place

has become widely and favorably known to the business community. He is also a leader in fraternal work, being a member of the Order of Red Men and one of the organizers of the Order of Vasa in Minnesota, having served both as state secretary and president of the latter. On September 25, 1902, Mr. Rylander married Miss Annie L. Johnson—a lady both born and educated in Sweden—and their child, Margaret, was born August 1, 1908. Both Mr. and Mrs. Rylander are popular and respected members of Swedish-American society at Litchfield, and are highly honored members of the general community.

Peter Ackerson.—Conspicuous among the Swedish-Americans especially worthy of mention in a work of this character is Peter Ackerson, a successful journalist, now living at 2007 Tower avenue, Superior, Wisconsin. A native of Sweden, he was born October 28, 1862, in Färlöf parish, Kristianstad län, where his early life was passed.

His father, the late Ake Soneson, was a farmer by occupation, owning a large country estate. He married Elma Person, daughter of the late Peter Nilson, a farmer at Färlöf, Sweden, and they reared five children, as follows: Sven Ackerson, engaged in agricultural and business pursuits at Vasa, Minnesota; Anders Ackerson, living near Hallock, Kittson county, Minnesota; Elna, wife of C. A. Pramp, of Areslöf, Skåne, Sweden; Brugta, wife of Sven Svenson, a farmer at Trolle, Ljungby, Beckaskog, Sweden; and Peter, with whom this sketch is chiefly concerned.

Having finished the course of study in the common schools of his native parish and in the Kristianstad Collegiate Institute, Peter Ackerson attended the Önnestad High School, from which he was graduated with the class of 1879. He subsequently remained at home with his parents until 1885, when he bade good-bye to friends and relatives, and embarked for America, the land teeming with bright promises. Locating in Goodhue county, Minnesota, he spent the first winter in school, acquiring a knowledge of the English language with the pupils. Accepting then a position with Mr. Ryan, proprietor of the Ryan Hotel, he remained with him seven years. Mr. Ackerson was afterwards engaged in business in Detroit, Minnesota, and in Minneapolis, in both cities being successful. In 1898 he moved to Superior, Wisconsin, becoming an employee of the Duluth & Superior Traction Company. In 1903 he purchased an interest in the Interstate Printing and Publishing Company, and since then has managed the affairs of its office at Superior, Wisconsin, with recognized ability, being eminently successful as a newspaper man. He is quite prominent in city affairs, and his home on Tower avenue is spacious and elegant.

Albert Berg.—One of the conspicuous figures in the public life of Minnesota is Albert Berg, who has proved a valuable factor in its legislative and political councils and who is also well known in banking circles.

He was born at Center City in Chisago county, Minnesota, June 25, 1861, a son of Jonas Berg and of Anna Maria Berg, his wife. The early years of his life until the age of fifteen were spent in attending public and parochial schools and under the private tutelage of James J. Lindstrom. He was then confirmed in the Lutheran church in Center City in June, 1876, and from 1877 until 1878 was a student at Carleton and during 1879 and a part of 1880 at Gustavus Adolphus College. During the years of 1880, 1881 and 1883 Mr. Berg was a member of the staff of the *Fargo Argus* at Fargo, which was then in the territory of Dakota; during the years of 1883 and 1884 taught school in Chisago county, Minnesota, from 1887 to 1895 was register of deeds of Chisago county; from 1895 to 1901 was secretary of the state of Minnesota, and in 1901 and 1902 represented his district in the state legislature, the latter being a special session. In 1892 Mr. Berg was a delegate to the National Republican Convention and was reading clerk of the convention in 1908. Few men attain higher honors in public life than has been accorded to Albert Berg, who has also gained distinction in his community as a business man. He was the cashier and director of the State Bank of Warroad, Minnesota, from 1903 to 1906; was the founder and from 1906 to the present time the president of the Security State Bank of Spooner, Minnesota, and since the organization of the village of Spooner he has served as its mayor. He is a thirty-second degree Mason and a member of the grand lodge of the order of Minnesota and its grand marshal in 1910, and is a past grand prelate and a past grand vice chancellor of the Knights of Pythias for the domain of Minnesota. Since 1890 he has had fraternal relations with the order of Elks, St. Paul Lodge No. 59.

In one of our historical chapters Mr. Berg is referred to as one of the most ardent promoters and leading members of the Arpi Club, which blossomed and bloomed while at Center City, Mr. Berg being gifted with a fine second bass voice. In the same article he is called "the amiable and musical giant." Mr. Berg married in 1899 Lillian R. Peltier, of St. Paul, Minnesota.

C. A. Jacobson.—The name of C. A. Jacobson is alike well known in commercial and musical circles.He is the master of his art as a bass singer, and as the head of the Brooklyn Ladies' Directory and as the proprietor and publisher of the *Svenska Posten* he has won an equal degree of prominence. The Brooklyn Ladies' Directory is the best known servants' employment agency in the city and it was established in 1870 by Mr. Jacobson and has been located at its present location since 1872. It has in the meantime furnished help to the first class families of Brooklyn, New York and elsewhere and has received the most flattering encomiums for the superiority of the class of female help furnished by him. He has agents in Sweden and Germany, and the agency not only supplies female help, but coachmen, grooms, waiters,

gardeners, farm hands, etc., producing at the same time most satisfactory references as to the reliability and excellence of the servants.

As stated, Mr. Jacobson is also at the head of a second successful enterprise, the publication of a large newspaper in the Swedish language, the *Svenska Posten* or the *Swedish Post*, which is published every Thursday and circulates over the entire eastern, southern and middle states. It is an unsurpassed medium for reaching the numerous Swedes, Norwegians and Danes east of Chicago, and each issue contains a large quantity of the most interesting and valuable reading matter, beautifully printed and ably edited by Messrs. P. O. Nilson and Gustaf Ekdahl, both talented young journalists. Mr. Jacobson is also the agent for the sale of steamship tickets, as well as for those of the Erie Railroad, which proves a great convenience to many of his acquaintances and country people. He has been an active and enterprising resident of Brooklyn during the past twelve years and his name stands out prominently in its musical circles as a bass singer. He has sung in the choirs of St. Paul's church, New York; St. James' Episcopal church, Brooklyn; in Christ's church and St. Stephen's, New York, and in the concerts of the Choral Union he has acquitted himself in a manner that has elicited the highest praise from critics and the press. During several years he has been a guest of the Burns Association and the Empire Club, of which James Eadie, the Eastern District broker, is the president. He has also been a member of an Italian opera troupe, and having studied under the great Errani, he is in every respect a master of his art and one of the finest bass singers in the country. Mr. Jacobson is a gentleman alike respected and esteemed by the entire community.